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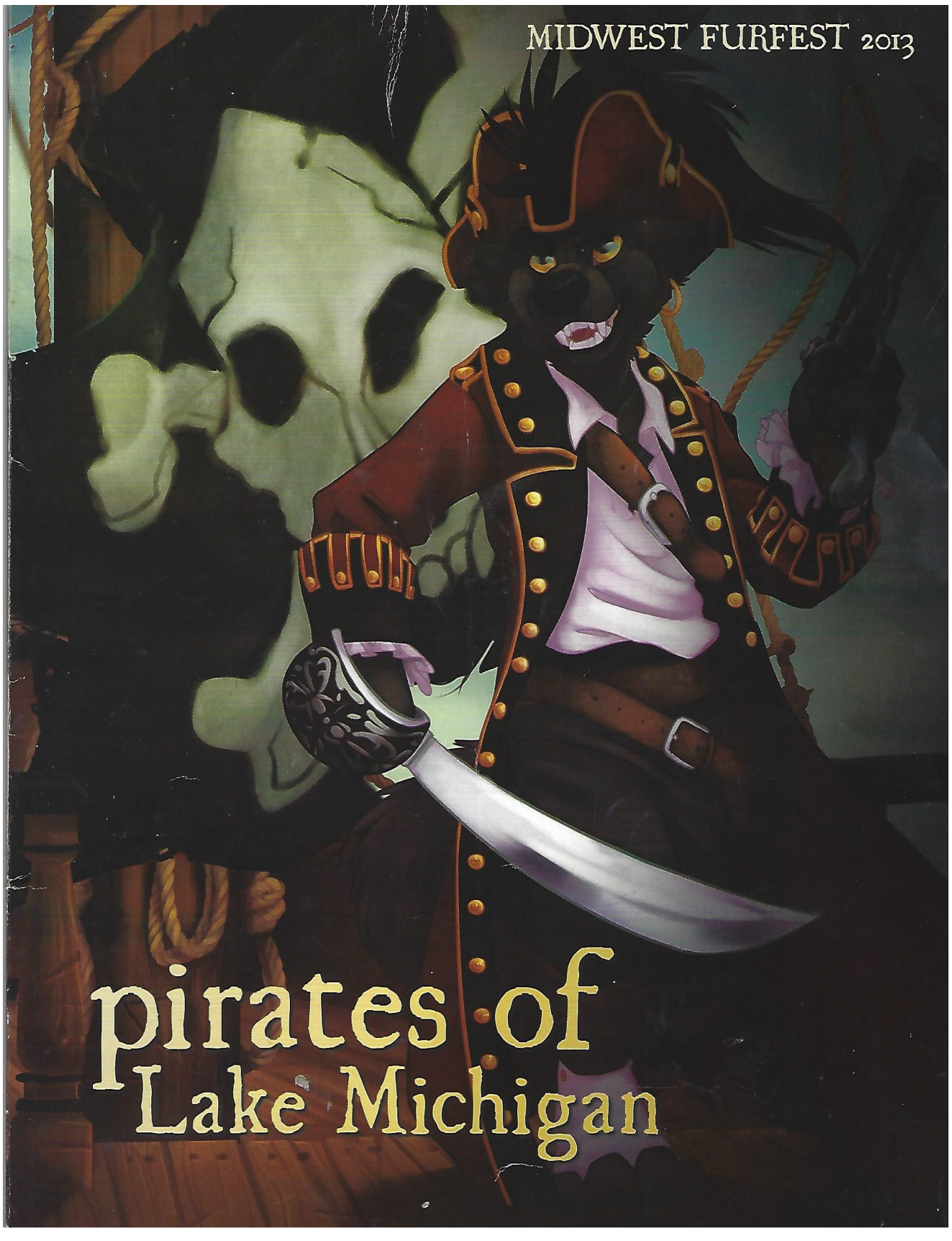

# pirates of Lake Michigan

# MIDWEST FURFEST

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Nov. 22TH – 24TH, 2013

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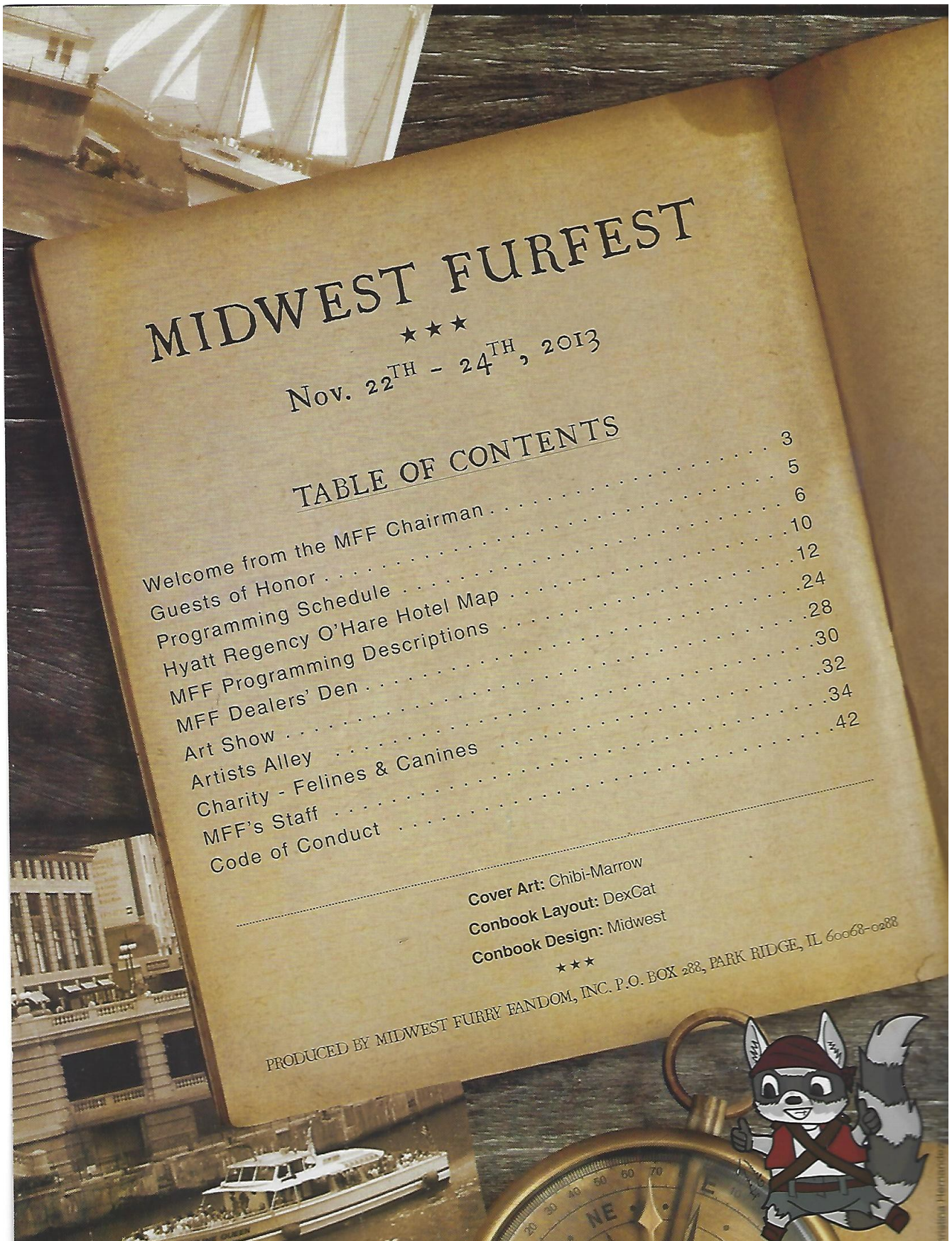


# FROM THE CHAIRMAN

VELCOME to the 14th annual Midwest FurFest! With a bit more perience under my belt, MFF has graciously allowed me to return for a cond year. Batten down the hatches as we set sail for exotic locations like ry and Sheboygan! I hope you landlubbers are ready for "The Pirates of ke Michigan!"

e're excited to be back with our good friends at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. e staff of the Hyatt really enjoys Midwest FurFest and looks forward to our urn each year. For those of our guests who arrive on the early side, please member that we are sharing the Hyatt with another large group. Please be spectful, and remember to treat everyone as you would prefer to be treated urself.

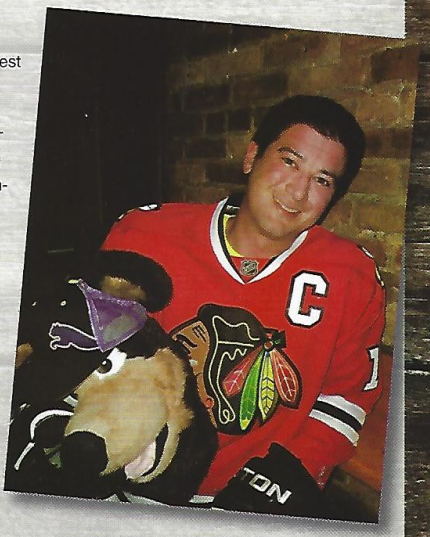
: with last year, the Hyatt Regency O'Hare's parking staff will be giving prior- to Midwest FurFest guests who are staying at the Hyatt. There are, however, ny additional parking options in the area and the parking staff will be happy point you in the right direction ( https://www.furfest.org/page/parking). In turn y have again kindly given us free WIFI in guest rooms and most areas of e lobby!

n't forget about the discount on buffets offered at O'H American Grill, as well the Midwest FurFest- themed drinks at Red Bar and Perks! Also, should ur empty stomach take you outside the hotel, don't forget that the famous dwest FurFest Restaurant Guide will help you find food of all types and in price ranges. Didn't get your Restaurant Guide? You can pick one up at gistration all weekend long.

have three very special Guests of Honor this year: prominent furry artist mie "Chibi-Marrow"; proprietor of the fursuit business, FurrHappens, Lindsey ver Huskywolf"; and furry artist Sonderjen, whose artwork you might recog- e from last year's MFF soda machine!

m pleased to welcome our charity, One Tail at a Time (http://www.onetail. g), a no-kill dog rescue network serving Chicagoland. With an emphasis on ering euthanasia rates and shelter dog rehabilitation and placement, they tomize what we look for in a charity. In turn they are extremely excited about opportunity to work with us, so I have no doubt they will be a fantastic fit! ase help One Tail at a Time by visiting their booth, bidding in the Charity ction, participating in the Charity Poker Tournament or donating at the Kage d 2 the Ranting Gryphon Charity Show!

e hard working staff of Midwest FurFest has tirelessly given their all this ar to improve this convention and to fit the needs of our growing and diverse dience. If you see a staff member, please take the time to thank them for the untless hours and invaluable investment. I can not come close to expressing appreciation for the MFF staff adequately. They are all amazing and make job easy. In turn, we need all the help we can get, so if you would like to t involved please come visit the Information Desk and offer your services as olunteer. Not only are you helping this weekend, but this might be the first step in becoming the newest member of the Midwest FurFest staff!



If this is your first year attending, we appreciate you giving us a chance. If you are returning, welcome home. There's more programming this year than ever before! Check out our schedule (http://sched.furfest.org/) to see what's new and to catch popular returning events like the Fursuit Dance Competition, the NeoFuturist's presentation of "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind: 30 Plays in 60 Minutes", the Furry Variety Show, the Fursuit Parade, four nights of dances and the Thursday Night Social in the Conference Center Atrium!

So again I thank you for your patronage and feel free to stop me or any other staff member if you have any questions or concerns.

Very Truly Yours,

Toby "Perro" Murono

Chairman, Midwest FurFest 2013

## ABOUT MFF

We come together to celebrate furry fandom, that is, art, literature, and performance based around anthropomorphic animals.

The roots of Midwest Furfest lie in the furry programming track of Duckon, an annual science fiction convention. Eventually, the furry track became large enough to support its own convention and in 1999 Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc., our parent 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, was created. Midwest FurFest was born shortly thereafter, to take place in November of 2000, on the weekend before Thanksgiving (a date that was to become traditional).

Since then, the convention has grown from 388 attendees in 2000 to 3,200 in 2012, making it the third largest furry convention in the world. Midwest FurFest is proud that we have raised over $165,000 for various wildlife- and animal-related charities since our inception. Our Art Show, through silent and voice auctions, routinely generates over $10,000 each year for the talented artists of furry fandom.

# A new challenger has arrived.

**January 16-20th, 2014**
**San Jose Convention Center**
**www.furtherconfusion.org**

# GUESTS OF HONOR

## JAMIE - CHIBI-MARROW
### FURRY ARTIST

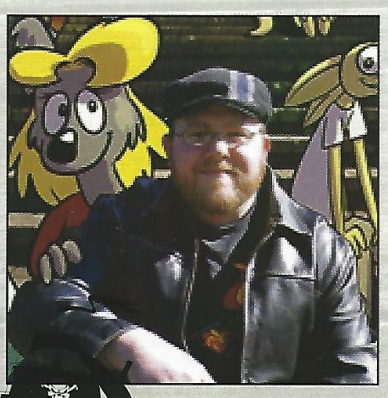
Marrow is an Illustrator who currently resides in North Carolina with her other half, Teej. She wasn't introduced to the furry community until 2002, but had been drawing "furries" for years before. She has been happily drawing in the community full time for some time and hopes to one day work as a concept artist for the gaming world. She loves drawing, fursuit making, painting, sculpting, and any artistic medium she can get her claws on.

## LINDSAY - SILVER HUSKYWOLF
### FURSUIT ARTIST

Lindsey / Silver Huskywolf owns and operates FurrHappens.com, which specializes in toony and balanced-looking fursuits. In addition to taking on very unique fursuit challenges, she has also done some prop work for TV networks such as G4TV. Her passion and dedication for her creations continue to push the edge of costume design. Silver has a background in hobby art and sketching, as well as a unique and resourceful start into costume design through summer camps and cosplay sewing. As FurrHappens, she began building fursuits fulltime in 2006, and has since moved twice and grown much, first in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, then moving to Sacramento, California, for three years, and now permanently back in Calgary.

Lindsey says, "Nothing feels more satisfying that creating something with your hands. At the end of a workday I can hold my creation and feel amazing about what I do. FurrHappens is so much fun!"

## SONDERJEN
### FURRY ARTIST



Sonderjen has been drawing his own characters for 18 years, and has since created many lively characters and worlds for them to run around in. He studied illustration in college, and works primarily in digital format, aside from the occasional screen printed poster or t-shirt. Sonderjen's style is a blend of several styles and he draws inspiration from many cartoons from around the world.

## Thursday

| | 6:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 8:00 PM | 9:00 PM | 10:00 PM | 11:00 PM | 12:00 AM | 1:00 AM |
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| Conference Center Foyer | | | | FurFest Lounge | | | | |
| Hartsfield | | Table Top Gaming | | | | | | |
| JFK | | Pirate's Cove | | | | | | |
| Midway | | Thursday Night Artists Alley | | | | | | |

## Friday

| | 9:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM | 2:00 PM | 3:00 PM | 4:00 PM | 5:00 PM | 6:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 8:00 PM | 9:00 PM | 10:00 PM | 11:00 PM | 12:00 AM | 1:00 AM | 2:00 AM |
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| Gatwick | | | | | | | Introduction to Pawpeteering Workshop | | Pawpet Improv Workshop | | | | | | | | | |
| Grand ABC | | | | | | | | | | | Kage Story Hour | 2 The Ranting Gryphon | | Family Feud! | Pandez Late-Night Stand-Up | | | |
| Grand EFGH | | | | | | | | | FVS Rehearsal #1 | | | | | Fursuit Dance | Friday Dance | | | |
| Grand Foyer | | | | | | | | Fursuit Photoshoot | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hartsfield | | | | | | | Spirituality Roundtable | | | | | | Sparkle Dog | | Advanced Lupus in Tabula | | | |
| Heathrow | | | | | | | | | | Video Gaming | | | | | | | | |
| JFK | | | | | | | | | | Secondary Gaming | | | | | | | | |
| JohnWayne | | | | | | | | How to Commission A Fursuit | | Stolen Booty | | | | | | | | |
| La Guardia | | | | | | | Fursuit Roundtable | | Charity Poker | | | | | | | | | |
| LAX | | | | | | | | | | | | Fursuit Care and Maintenance | | Fursuit Charades | Fursuit Charades After Dark | | | |
| Liberty | | | | | | | | | | Furoticon TCG: How to Play & Beginner Tournament! (18+, Adults Only!) | | Furoticon TCG: Intermediate Tournament (18+, Adults Only!) | | | Cards against Humanity (18+) | | | |
| Lindbergh | | | | | | | | | | | | Science, Technology, & Medicine Meet | | | Lupus in Tabula | | | |
| Midway | | | | | | | Table Top Gaming | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | | | Shiny Sponsor Reception | | | | | | | | | |
| Rosemont | | | | Opening Ceremonies | Your First Furry Convention | Meet the Guests of Honor | | Meet the Charity! | | Science, Pseudoscience and Outright Crap | | | Fursuit Dance Competition - Prelims | | MLP Party Panel | | | |
| SeaTac | | | | | | | | | Friendship in the Fandom | | | | | | | | | |
| SkyHarbor | | | | | | | | | | Roadie & Roffle's Pony Hour | | | | | | | | |
| Tech Center | | | | | | | | Basic Video Puppetry | | | Character Reference Sheets for | The Draggel Show Live | | | | | | |

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## Saturday

| | 8:00 AM | 9:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM | 2:00 PM | 3:00 PM | 4:00 PM | 5:00 PM | 6:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 8:00 PM | 9:00 PM | 10:00 PM | 11:00 PM | 12:00 AM | 1:00 AM | 2:00 AM |
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| Gatwick | | | Refining Your Pawpetewring Skills Workshop | How to Stay Healthy During Your Con | | | | Pawpet Character Creation | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grand ABC | | | Sponsors' Brunch | | | | Charity Auction | | | Midwest FurFest Annual Puppet Show Rehearsal | | Iron Artist | | Open Mic | | Kage-2-Gether - A Charity Performance | | | |
| Grand EFGH | | | FVS Rehearsal #2 | | | Fursuit Parade Staging | Fursuit Parade | | Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind | | | Furry Variety Show | | | Fursuit Dance | Saturday Dance | | | |
| Grand Foyer | | | Fursuit Photoshoot | | | | Furries Fursuit | Fursuit Photoshoot | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hartsfield | | Therianthropy | | Fursuit Dance Competition - Choreography | | | | | OTAT Rescue Process | | | Furry Pirate Mad-libs | | | | Lupus in Tabula | | | |
| Heathrow | | | | | | | | | | Video Gaming | | | | | | | | | |
| JFK | | | | | | | | | | Secondary Gaming | | | | | | | | | |
| JohnWayne | | | Fursuit Safety 101 | How to be a Handler | | | | Quitting the Fandom! | How to be a Demon | | | | | Guided Meditation | | | | | |
| La Guardia | | | | Charity Poker | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lambert | | | | | | | | | Becoming The Storyteller | | | | | | | | | | |
| LAX | | | How to Be Awesome (at Fursuit Part.) | Tools of the Trade | | | | Basic Fursuit Building & Design | | | | | | SFX Masks and Make-up | | | | | |
| Liberty | | | | | | | Furry Game Designers (18+, Adults Only) | | | | Furolicon TCG: How to Play & Beginner Tournament! (18+, Adults Only!) | | Furolicon TCG: Intermediate Tournament (18+, Adults Only!) | | | Cards against Humanity (18+) | | | |
| Lindbergh | | | Furry Travelers' Workshop | | Intrinsic Animal with the Animal Guides | | | Peace and Hate in the World of | Drum Jam | | Writing Better Fiction | | | Pot-Limit Omaha - How to Play | Discussions With Duck: A Fandom Corrupted? | | | | |
| London | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nude Figure Drawing | | | | |
| McCarran | | | Walking Between Worlds | | | | | Trivia Quest | | | | Open Music Jam! | | | Size Matters LIVE! | | | | |
| Midway | | | | | | | | | Table Top Gaming | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | Greymuzzles / Military Furs / Chakat Breakfast | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Midnight Howl | | | |
| Rosemont | | | | | | | | Last Fur One Dance Workshop | Flock Wars Dance Battle | | | Furry Smackdown: Tag Team Duos | | | Whose Lion is it Anyway | | | | |
| SeaTac | | Bears: Fierce But Lovable | | | | | Transfurs | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SkyHarbor | | | Resume Writing & Job Searching 101 | NaNoWriMo | | | | Digital DJing | Is a Brony a Furry? | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tech Center | | | | Sports and the Furry Fandom | | | Coloring and Shading | | How To Draw Cubs | | Assassins Creed Enthusiasts | Digital Speed Painting | | | | | | | |

Visit http://sched.furfest.org/ for the most up to date schedule

# PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE - SUNDAY

**Sunday**

| | 9:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM | 2:00 PM | 3:00 PM | 4:00 PM | 5:00 PM | 6:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 8:00 PM | 9:00 PM | 10:00 PM | 11:00 PM | 12:00 AM |
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| Gatwick | | | | | | | Script Writing for Puppet Shows | | | | | | | | | |
| Grand ABC | Puppet Show Pre-Show Preparation | Midwest FurFest Annual Puppet Show | | | Puppetry - Your Backstage Pass - Workshop | | | Fursuit Games | | | | | | | | |
| Grand EFGH | | | | | Fursuit Dance Competition | | | | Closing Ceremonies | | | | | | | |
| Hartsfield | | Charity Poker Finals | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JFK | | Secondaty Gaming | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| JohnWayne | | Crowd Funding | Board Meeting | | | | Cut-Paper Art | | | | | | | | | |
| Lambert | | Furry Christian Meet & Greet | Furry Pagans - What is a Leader? | Selected Readings | | | Reconnecting with Nature | | | | | | | | | |
| LAX | | Fursuit Head Building | Fursuit Performance Outside the | | | Advanced Fursuit Building & Materials | All about Cleaning Costumes, Fursuits | | | | | | | | | |
| Lindbergh | | | | Much Ado About MUCKing | | Pitching to Publishers | | | | | | | | | | |
| McCarran | | Introduction to Juggling! | | Geocaching | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Midway | | Table Top Gaming | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rosemont | | Art Auction | | | | OTAT Court Case Dogs | | | | | | Dead Dog Party | | | | |
| SeaTac | | Avians | Movie Appreciation | | Flash Fiction Reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SkyHarbor | | | Readings by Alfior Aalto | | Managing Depression - "Called to Live" | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tech Center | | | 3D Modeling For Beginners | | | TIT Longtail presents 'The Detention Club' | | | | | | | | | | |

# PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE - TABLETOP GAMING

## Thursday

| | Hartsfield |
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| 7 PM - 12 AM | Thursday Night BYOG Tabletop Gaming |

## Friday

| | Midway/ Logan | La Guardia | Other Panel Rooms (see sched.furfest.org) | JFK | Hartsfield | Liberty (Adult Gaming) | Video Gaming - Heathrow |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3:00 PM | Open Board Gaming and scheduled tabletop games (see Schedule below) | Charity Poker | No Limit Holdem (Panel) | Dragonstorm Demo | Lupus in Tabula (Alkali) | Furoticon TCG: How to Play & Beginner Tournament<br>Furoticon Intermediate Tournament (18+)<br>CAH and Adult Games (18+) | Closed<br>Open Video Gaming |
| 4:00 PM | | | | | | | |
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| 7:00 PM | | | | | | | |
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| 10:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 11:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 12:00 AM | | | Lupus in Tabula (Iggy) | | | | |
| 1:00 AM | | | | | | | |
| 2:00 AM | | | | | | | |

## Saturday

| | Midway/Logan | La Guardia | Other Panel Rooms | JFK | Hartsfield | Liberty (Adult Gaming) | Video Gaming - Heathrow |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10:00 AM | Open Board Gaming and scheduled tabletop games (see Schedule below) | | | | | | |
| 11:00 AM | | Charity Poker | | Dragonstorm Demo | | | Closed |
| 12:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 1:00 PM | | | | Dragonstorm Open Game | | Furry Game Designers: (18+) (Panel) | |
| 2:00 PM | | | Trivia Quest (Video Game Trivia) | | | | |
| 3:00 PM | | Charity Poker | | Two Rooms and a Boom! | | Furoticon TCG: How to Play & Beginner Tournament<br>Furoticon Intermediate Tournament (18+) | Open Video Gaming |
| 4:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 5:00 PM | | | Pot Limit Omaha (Panel) | | | | |
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| 11:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 12:00 AM | | *Lupus In Tabula (OPEN/overflow from Tango's game)* | | | Lupus In Tabula (Tango) | CAH and Adult Games (18+) | |
| 1:00 AM | | | | | | | |
| 2:00 AM | | | | | | | |

## Sunday

| | Midway/Logan | La Guardia | JFK | Hartsfield | Liberty | Video Gaming - Heathrow |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10:00 AM | Open Board Gaming and scheduled tabletop games (see Schedule below) | | | | | |
| 11:00 AM | | | Dragonstorm Demo | Charity Poker Finals | | Closed |
| 12:00 PM | | | | | | |
| 1:00 PM | | | Dragonstorm Open Game | | | |
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| 3:00 PM | | | | | | |
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| 5:00 PM | | | | | | |

## Open Gaming – Reserved Tables in Hartsfield

| Friday | Table 1 | Table 2 | Table 3 | Table 4 | Table 5 | Table 6 | Table 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2:00 PM | IronClaw Squaring the Circle Demo | | | | | | |
| 3:00 PM | | | Pirates of the Spanish Main CMG | | | | |
| 4:00 PM | | | | Shadow Hunters | | | |
| 5:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 6:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 7:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 8:00 PM | Ironclaw: Something's Missing (7:30-11:30) | | | | | | |
| 9:00 PM | | | | | | | Dragonstorm Open Game |
| 10:00 PM | | | | | | | |
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| 12:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 1:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 2:00 PM | | | Pirate Fluxx | | | | |
| 3:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 4:00 PM | My Little Pony: Friendship is Ironclaw | | | | | | |
| 5:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 6:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 7:00 PM | | | | Rocket Corgi Studios Demos | | | Dragonstorm Open Game |
| 8:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 9:00 PM | | | | | | | |
| 10:00 PM | | | | | | | Dragonstorm Open Game |
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| 10:00 AM | | | | | | | |
| 11:00 AM | | | | | | | |
| 12:00 PM | Ironclaw Book of Jade - The Chasers | | | | | | |
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| 2:00 PM | | | SPANC | | | | |
| 3:00 PM | | | | | | | |
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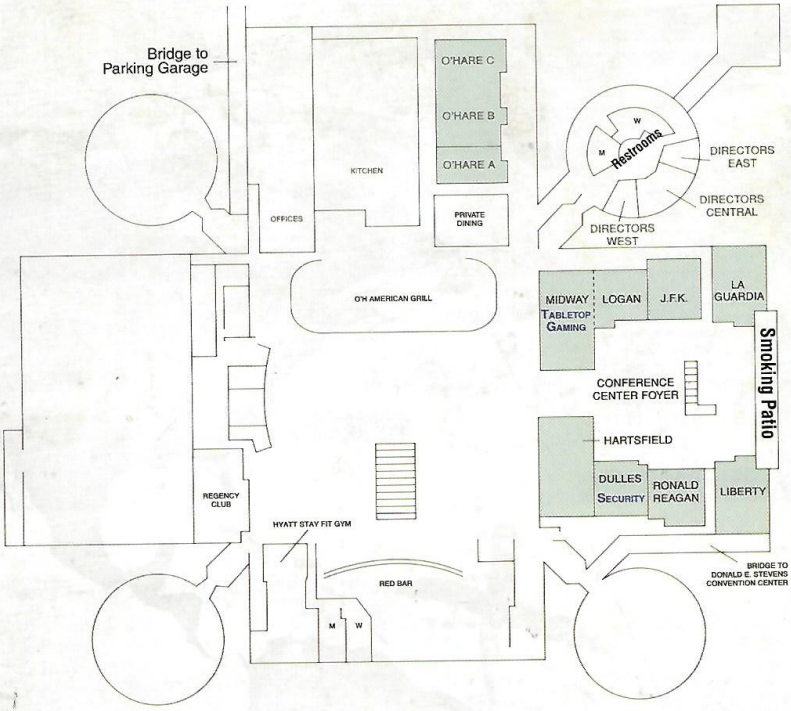
# LOBBY & INTERNATIONAL FLOOR PLANS

## LOBBY LEVEL

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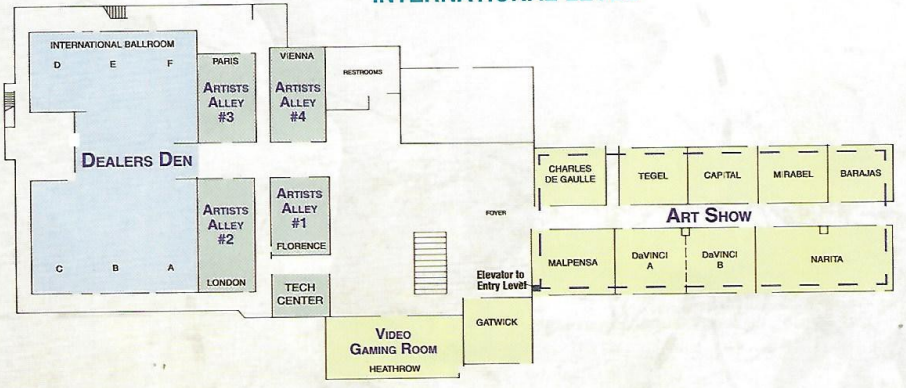

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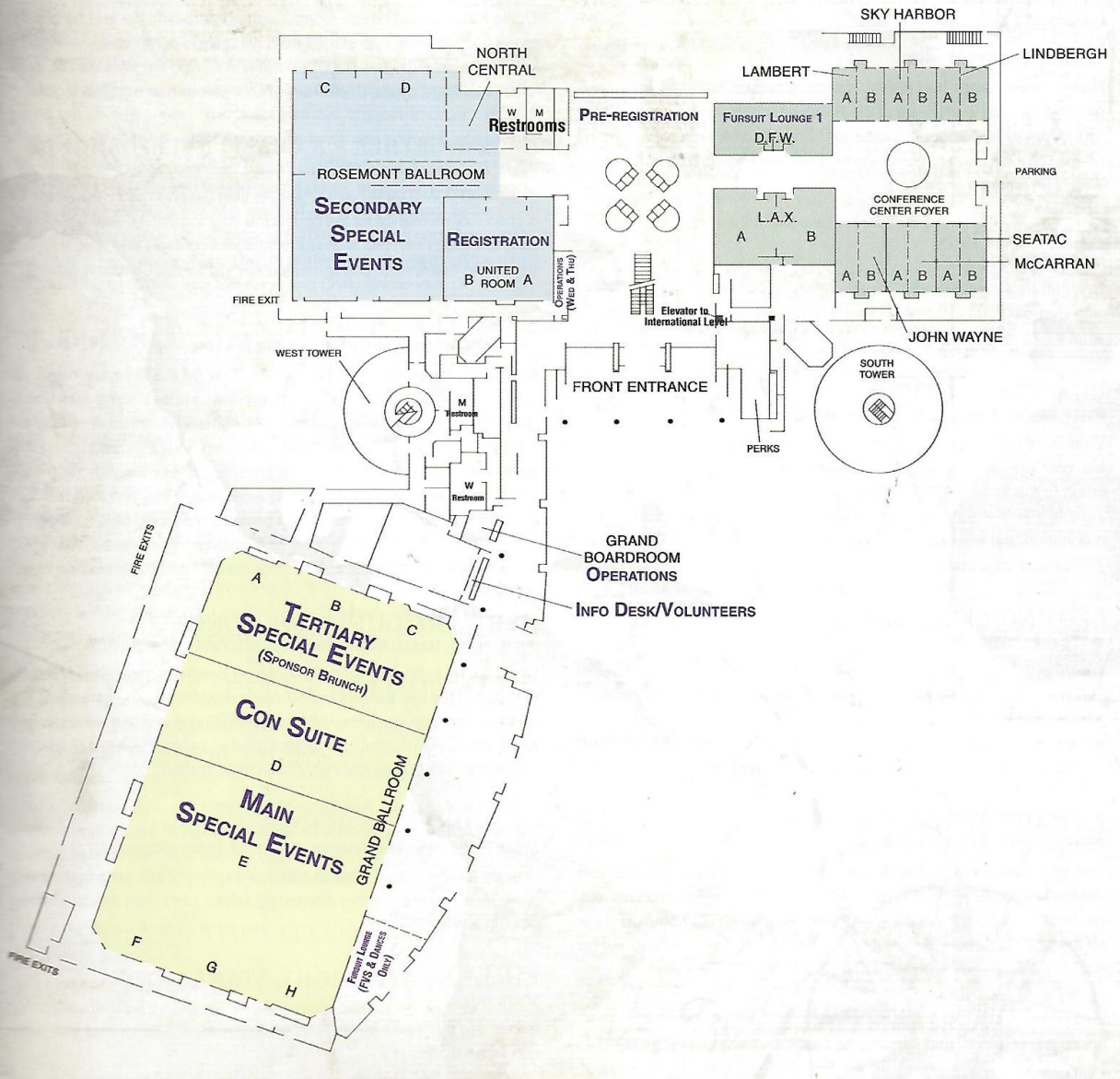


# PROGRAMMING DESCRIPTIONS

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### 2 THE RANTING GRYPHON
**HOSTS: 2 THE RANTING GRYPHON**

Have you ever seen nerf kittens and dead babies fly out of someone's pants? Well, you won't see it at the Ranting Gryphon's show either -- but he'll certainly talk about it! Come and spend some time with 2, as he brings out the funny side of things we probably shouldn't be laughing at. This is an all-ages show.

### ART AUCTION
**HOSTS: UNCLE KAGE**

Don't let those people who slightly upped your written bid walk away with that fabulous art! Show them who's got what it takes and knows what it's really worth! Besides, the auctioneers are always a hoot!

### CHARITY AUCTION
**HOSTS: GRAYWOLF, UNCLE KAGE, 2 THE RANTING GRYPHON**

Wonderful donated artwork and other mysterious donated items! Outbid your buddies, and grab the best stuff! Even better, you can be smug in the knowledge that your greed and good taste are also helping this year's charity. Every great item that you covet and win here is a donation that will help these hard-working folks continue their work. What could be a better deal?

### CLOSING CEREMONIES
**HOSTS: KODI, PERRO**

Where did the weekend go? At the Closing Ceremonies for Midwest FurFest 2013, we'll let you in on anything you may have missed. We'll also be recognizing all of the talented winners of various contests held throughout the convention. And, at the end, we'll have a feedback/Q&A session to help improve Midwest FurFest for next year.

### FURSUIT DANCE COMPETITION
**HOSTS: JD PUPPY, THEOME, THUMPER, KODI**

The time has come to see who's got the best moves and who can shake their tails the best! All attendees are welcome to come witness the finalists of MFF's Second Annual Fursuit Dance Competition show off their performances for dance supremacy to determine who will be declared this year's best fursuit dancer!

### FURRY SMACKDOWN: TAG TEAM DUOS
**HOSTS: STREET, TAKAZA, UNCLE KAGE, ALKALI, NIK VULPER, ATARA, DAVE STEIN**

Ever wonder what would happen if you two a tag team of fictional characters and throw them into a cage match to the death? In this Tournament bracket competition, we will be having teams of characters match up against each other and there can be only one team of winners! Watch as the panelists vote as to who will win and who would die in a hilarious event. Would Mordecai and Rigby beat Twilight and Spike, or would they be crushed? Only way to find out is to come see!

### KAGE STORY HOUR
**HOSTS: UNCLE KAGE**

Uncle Kage is back! Kage leads a rather interesting life and he is back to tell us more hilarious stories from his unique perspective. With a dry wit, and a squinting view of the oddities of real life through the eyes of an intelligent cynic, Uncle Kage's Story Hour has become legend.

### KAGE-2-GETHER - A CHARITY PERFORMANCE
**HOSTS: 2 THE RANTING GRYPHON, UNCLE KAGE**

2-GETHER ON STAGE! Join "2" the Ranting Gryphon and Uncle Kage for a special performance for the benefit this year's charity! Come howl, bark, purr, and laugh with two of the furry fandom's comedic and entertainment legends in this special duo comedy show just for the Castaway critters!

### MEET THE CHARITY!
**HOSTS: WOLPHY, GRAYWOLF, PERRO, ONE TAIL AT A TIME**

Meet this years charity, One Tail at a Time. One Tail at a Time, is a no-kill, all-breed dog rescue that serves to lower euthanasia rates in the greater Chicagoland area and provide education on the humane treatment of companion animals. The rescue concentrates its efforts on dogs that are in danger of being euthanized, or those that are physically and/or mentally deteriorating in a shelter environment, works to rehabilitate them, and then matches each dog with a permanent home. Focused on keeping pets as a part of our family, One Tail at a Time offers fosters and adopters continued support and education on how best to keep dogs happy, healthy and bonded for life.

### MEET THE GUESTS OF HONOR
**HOSTS: PERRO, TAKAZA, SONDERJEN, SILVER HUSKYWOLF, CHIBI-MARROW**

Come on by to find out all the interesting details of their work and their interests. This will be a question and answer session, so please fire up your curiosity and bring on those intriguing questions we know you have. Please welcome our 2013 Guests: JAMIE "CHIBI-MARROW", LINDSEY "SILVER HUSKYWOLF, SONDERJEN.

### OPENING CEREMONIES
**HOSTS: PERRO, KODI, CHIBI-MARROW, SONDERJEN, SILVER HUSKYWOLF**

Join us for the official start to Midwest FurFest 2013, with last minute announcements and other interesting tidbits. Let's start the convention off with a bang!

### PANDEZ LATE-NIGHT STAND-UP
**HOSTS: PANDEZ**

Come see the stand-up comedy-styling of a very funny, and very furry comedian, Pandez!

### SHINY SPONSOR RECEPTION
**HOSTS: PERRO, TAKAZA, CHIBI-MARROW, SONDERJEN, SILVER HUSKYWOLF**

Midwest FurFest is pleased to welcome our Super Shiny Sponsors to a special reception in the breathtaking former restaurant at the very top of the Hyatt! Meet this year's Guests of Honor, enjoy a drink and a light snack, and mingle with your fellow Shiny Sponsors. Held at Ventanas, atop the Hyatt hotel.

## SPECIAL EVENTS (CONTINUED)

### SPONSORS' BRUNCH

**HOSTS: PERRO, TAKAZA, SILVER HUSKYWOLF, SONDERJEN, CHIBI-MARROW**

A return to a Hyatt means a return to the fabulous Regency Brunch for which Hyatts are so well-known! The buffet includes omelets to order, smoked salmon, freshly-carved roast beef, French toast, and a brunch spread that has earned rave reviews from Midwest FurFest's sponsors for years! Better yet, you get to hobnob with the Guests Of Honor, and other special guests. It's just one of the ways that Midwest FurFest likes to pamper all the wonderful people who've become Midwest FurFest Sponsors and Shiny Sponsors. (Ask at Registration if you'd like in on this deal, as well as all the other awesome things we offer our Sponsors and Shiny Sponsors!)

### THURSDAY NIGHT ARTIST ALLEY

### TOO MUCH LIGHT MAKES THE BABY GO BLIND

**HOSTS: THE NEOFUTURISTS**

We are proud to welcome back one of the most talked-about events from last year's Midwest FurFest. The NeoFuturists are one of the most innovative theater groups in Chicago, and are the creators of the long-running play "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind." "Too Much Light…" is a rollicking, exciting, hilarious, thought-provoking, and at times interactive attempt to perform 30 plays in 60 minutes. The NeoFuturists will be preparing a performance specially tailored to Midwest FurFest and furry fandom; you don't want to miss it!

## ART & LITERATURE

### 3D MODELING FOR BEGINNERS

**HOSTS: FARRAN**

Tired of wasting precious time struggling against the frustrating fetters of two dimensions? Embrace a third and let strife and dimensional destitution become but a fleeting memory as your shown step-by-step how to model figures in a platform-independent setting.

### BECOMING THE STORYTELLER

**HOSTS: UNCLE KAGE**

Join seasoned and acclaimed storyteller Uncle Kage for an instructional talk on how to enthrall and entertain crowds as well as how to transform your experiences into intriguing tales.

### CHARACTER REFERENCE SHEETS FOR DUMMIES

**HOSTS: SODALITE**

Hey you. Yeah, you. You look like a dummy, how about you come learn a thing or two about what makes a character sheet successful at conveying your character's key features and unique attributes to any commission artist.

### COLORING AND SHADING

**HOSTS: PRINCESS REI**

Enhance your skills and bring new life and depth to your pieces with this follow-along tutorial.

### CROWD FUNDING

**HOSTS: JEFFERY EDDY**

Crowd funding websites are the best new way to generate investment capital for your independent creative endeavor. But what makes one project succeed where another similar one fails? Learn valuable insights from veteran croudsourcers that will help get your project funded!

### CUT-PAPER ART

**HOSTS: SPARKY**

Explore a new and curious medium with this paws-on instructional walk-through. Paper and accessories will be provided. Space is limited.

### DIGITAL SPEED PAINTING

**HOSTS: FISHYBONER**

Ever wanted to learn a variety of techniques to speed up your digital art creation? No? Well, I wasn't talking to you. I was talking to that person over there. The good-looking, intelligent one who will be successful in love and life because they attended this panel. Who looks silly now? (It's you.)

### FLASH FICTION READING

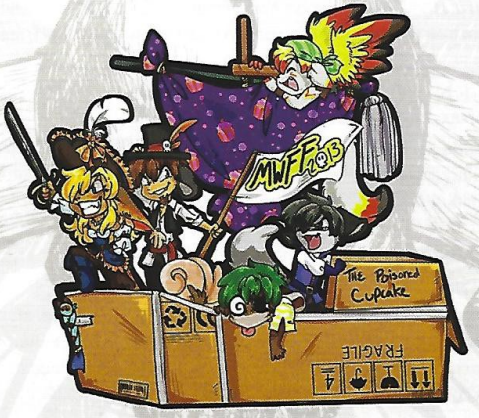
**HOSTS: AGENT ELROND**

What story would you tell the world were there only 5 mins left and it had to be furry. Yeah, I would tell that one too. Come share your short furry works or story excerpts with us. (Reading slots are limited.)

### FURRY PIRATE MAD-LIBS

**HOSTS: DIREWOLF**

(verb) as you shout out your (adj) suggestions to complete a number of furry-themed Mad-Libs. Prizes of (noun) will be awarded to (inappropriate pronoun)s who get the most (noun). Fart.




Alexandria "Xizana" Myers

## ART AND LITERATURE (CONTINUED)

### HOW TO DRAW CUBS
**HOSTS: MARCI**

Join industry leading art veteran Marci to learn how to draw cubs or improve your existing skills.

### IRON ARTIST
**HOSTS: MARCI, GNAW, CHIBI-MARROW, SONDERJEN**

Competitors battle against each other using unique mediums for the honor of challenging one of the Iron Artists and the chance to win an artist's bounty should they be victorious.

### NANOWRIMO
**HOSTS: KYSKA**

Trying to write 50,000 words in a month may sound impossible — and was likely the fevered dream of self-flagellating, ascetic, word-hermits — but leave your apprehensions behind and learn how to let your creativity flow unhindered, and what comes next after you finish!

### NUDE FIGURE DRAWING
**HOSTS: NYIL, BLOODHOUND**

Come share in our rebellious attitude toward clothing requirements in public spaces while fostering your figure drawing skills. (Adult artists only please.)

### PITCHING TO PUBLISHERS
**HOSTS: JEFFERY EDDY**

Which aspects of a submitted piece of writing catches a publisher's eye, and which will doom it to slowly drown under a paper pile of discarded dreams? SofaWolf's President will share his wisdom on this topic in the hope that it will give you the edge you need to get your next submission published.

### SELECTED READINGS
**HOSTS: SASYA, VARZEN DRALMORT**

Join new and established authors from across the fandom as they read sections from their new or upcoming works. A brief Q&A will follow each reading.

### STOLEN BOOTY
**HOSTS: SPARX, POONYA WAH, SARA JOY**

Join FurMedia team members Seneca and Poonya as they discuss how to handle, avoid, and overcome the issues of art theft. Open Q&A last 15min of panel.

### WRITING BETTER FICTION
**HOSTS: TERRY WESSNER**

Beginners and seasoned writers alike will benefit from this exploration into what makes for both good and bad fiction. Learn how to transform your sleep-inducing drivel into a masterpiece that will be lauded for ages to come.

## DANCES

### FURFEST LOUNGE (THURSDAY)
Aaron Prime (Techno), Soto (Techno/Chill), Nightkat (House/Trance)

Join us in the conference center at the Hyatt, for an evening of light music, drawing and hangin' out!

### FURSUIT DANCE

Additional lighting and lighter tunes in a more fursuit-friendly environment!

### FRIDAY DANCE
SHASTA (MASHUPS/POP/80S/90S), DARROH (ELECTRO/DUBSTEP/GLITCH HOP), RECCA (ELECTRO/TRAP), CHEETAH (HARDSTYLE)

### SATURDAY DANCE
Earvelvet (Mashups/Electro/Pop/80s/90s), Oddy (Electro), Tekfox (Trap/Dubstep/Glitch Hop), Rawkz0rz (Electro/Trap/Dipset)

### DEAD DOG PARTY (SUNDAY)
AMDOG (HIP HOP), NAVITUS (TRANCE), VINNY (DUBSTEP/GLITCH HOP) MEEK (DNB/ELECTRO)

Cap off your con experience and wipe away those blues at the dead dog.

## FANDOM

### ATHLETICS AND THE FURRY FANDOM
**HOSTS: MOONBLAZE**

I would be interested in doing a panel regarding the role of athletics in the fandom. Topics could include everything from professional/college mascots as examples of anthropomorphics in popular culture, furries as icons for various athletic traits, the role of sport as a social function in the fandom (Stuff like LAFFball, bowling meets, etc), and suggestions for becoming more involved in sports on a personal level.

### ASSASSINS CREED ENTHUSIASTS
**HOSTS: MORIN WOLF**

'Nothing is True, Everything is Permitted.' These are the words that symbolize the Creed. We work in the Dark to Serve the Light. Are you one of the Brotherhood? Come join with Grand Mentor Morin Wolf and Pyro Assassin as we discuss about the Assassins Creed universe. Talk about our favorite game(s), hold raffles for awesome prizes, answer questions and create a awesome experience for any who love Assassins Creed. Join the fun, join the Brotherhood, we will be waiting.

### AVIANS
**HOSTS: LUCKY COYOTE, NEON SLUSHIE**

For millions of years, these striking feathered beasts flown and strutted across the globe. Birds captivate and inspire our hearts and our imaginations. Join us for interesting facts and discussion of everything bird!

## FANDOM (CONTINUED)

### BEARS: FIERCE BUT LOVABLE
**HOSTS: BA'AR BEAR**

From Yogi to Smokey, bears have captivated our imagination. Why is the bruin such a popular character in story telling and advertising? Join our round table discussion and give your opinions on why this is so!

### DIGITAL DJING
**HOSTS: TEKFOX**

Interested in getting your paws wet as a DJ, or just learning a few new tricks? Join Tekfox as he runs you though the basics of digital DJing Live!

### DRUM JAM
**HOSTS: SAMII TIGER**

Did you miss the Drum Jams at Faire? Want to attend a Drum Jam between seasons? Wanted to perform at a Drum Jam, but never got the chance? Then bring your drums or other tribal instruments to the Drum Jam and meet others interested in self-expression.

### FAMILY FEUD!
**HOSTS: EXILE, STREET**

### FRIENDSHIP IN THE FANDOM
**HOSTS: DORYUU, LUCKY COYOTE**

The most important yet sometimes difficult part of being furry fandom is friendship! We will be discussing the different levels and forms of friendships, how to meet and keep a long term friend, and personal experiences from the speakers lives. Feel free to come and bring a friend!

### FURRY TRAVELERS' WORKSHOP
**HOSTS: KALE JONES, NOVEMBER**

Always wondered how the guy next to you got that cheap ticket? Ever cursed the airline for running a sale the week AFTER you bought your ticket? Tired of driving to every con, but every time you look at airfares you break out in a cold sweat? This is the panel for you! Learn how to find and book the cheapest fares, from Kalendil and November, two furs who spend a whole lot of time up in the air.

### HOW TO STAY HEALTHY DURING YOUR CON
**HOSTS: TEEJ**

Is this your first con? Are you tired of feeling run down on Sunday at other conventions? Afraid of catching "CON CRUD"? Come sit in with Teej as he goes over some do's and don'ts about con health and wellness. With over 10 years of con experience, he might be able to keep you out having fun with friends all weekend, instead of being out of commission.

### INTRODUCTION TO JUGGLING!
**HOSTS: TIKKU**

If you've ever been curious about learning to juggle but don't know where to start, or if you know how to juggle but would like to learn more then stop by! You'll be making our own juggling balls that you can take home to show off your skills.

### IS A BRONY A FURRY?
**HOSTS: RAILERSHY**

An open group discussion as to why bronies and furries can either call them self either just a brony or just a furry that may like ponies. What's the dividing line between this? Many bronies don't wanna be called furries due to stereo types that furries have gotten, and I feel this panel would be a GREAT way for everyone that attends to share their beliefs as to why they think that a Brony IS or ISN'T a furry.

### GEOCACHING
**HOSTS: WILDFOX**

Geocaching is a world wide treasure hunt game that a lot of people take part in, even furries. This will be a meet and greet between many furry geocachers from all parts of the country and/or world, kind of like what we had last year. It would be myself and JBadger hosting the panel as well.

### GREYMUZZLES / MILITARY FURS / CHAKAT BREAKFAST
**HOSTS: COMMANDER KITSUNE**

All are welcome; meeting at the main, hotel restaurant.

### MANAGING DEPRESSION - "CALLED TO LIVE"
**HOSTS: NANCY VIRDEN**

Nancy shares strategies she still uses to maintain a healthy mindset she wishes to share with the furry fandom. This panel will feature her story complete with practical measures on managing your depression, and being a good support to those who struggle. It was during the process of recovery she authored her first book, Called to Live: A Chronicle of Recovery After Attempted Suicide. If you or someone you know has ever felt hopeless or been challenged with depression or suicidal thoughts, this panel will provide for you insights only someone who has been there can offer.

### MLP PARTY PANEL
**HOSTS: STEELTHEWARRIOR**

Equestria Inspired brings to you a night full of all sorts of My Little Pony fun! Bringing to you everything from videos, games, polls and music, to pin-the-tail-on-the-pony and raffles, so it's bound to be a party to remember! As usual, Equestria Inspired will be running their famous "Are You A Changeling?" games during the end part of the panel, for everypony's enjoyment! We can't wait to see you there!

# PROGRAMMING DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

## FANDOM (CONTINUED)

### MOVIE APPRECIATION
**HOSTS: COCO**

Sometimes we're quick to write off a movie because of the fanbase for the book its based on, or because the story is either too cliched or not cliched enough -- but there are more ways one can appreciate a movie than the story alone. The panel will discuss favorite films to a lower-depth with the intent on helping to explore very different aspects of (often) very different genres.

### MUCH ADO ABOUT MUCKING
**HOSTS: DINGO**

A panel where people can meet, discuss and learn about MUCKs! MUCKs are text-based games that predate SecondLife and were used by many furs as a means to play as their character, collect items and make friends. Whether you're a veteran MUCKer or someone new, come join us!

### OPEN MIC
**HOSTS: ALKALI, 2 THE RANTING GRYPHON**

If you were ever looking for a place to try out your stand up skills look no further. The MFF Open mic is the perfect audience to talk about airline food, the state of the economy or your fascinating nose hair in a blender incident. So come on down, stand on up, and speak clearly into the mic.

### OTAT RESCUE PROCESS
**HOSTS: GRAYWOLF, ONE TAIL AT A TIME**

Volunteers from our charity, One Tail at a Time, will guide people through their intake process and how they choose the dogs that become a part of the program. They will discuss the shelter system in Chicago, euthanasia statistics, and what happens once dog's are given a chance at rescue.

### OTAT COURT CASE DOGS
**HOSTS: GRAYWOLF, ONE TAIL AT A TIME**

During this presentation, One Tail at a Time will focus a discussion on what happens to the dogs that become city property after their owners are prosecuted for animal cruelty. They will discuss their partnership with Safe Humane Chicago, how their volunteers socialize the court case dogs, and how they integrate these special needs animals into their adoption program.

### PEACE AND HATE IN THE WORLD OF FANDOMS
**HOSTS: PONIVER**

A presentation on the modern evolution of 'nerd' subcultures, with an emphasis on a positive message towards interaction and the acknowledgement of differences, as well as a push for change and acceptance.

### QUITTING THE FANDOM!
**HOSTS: TK, DANTEE**

A satirical presentation on quitting the fandom. No, but seriously...

### RECONNECTING WITH NATURE
**HOSTS: LUCKY COYOTE**

In a fast paced, electric world we find ourselves stressed, unfocused a magnifying things that just don't matter! Ever find yourself gazing hap out a window at a tree or staring at a burning fire for hours? Sounds your in need of some Vitamin N (Nature). We will discuss the dire imp tance of nature to the body and soul of a well rounded being.

### RESUME WRITING AND JOB SEARCHING 1
**HOSTS: ZELAPHAS**

The panel will be about job hunting and resume writing. We cover h to find and attend networking events, how to get the most out of Lin dIn - and how to rock at an interview!

### RONDIE & ROFFIE'S PONY HOUR
**HOSTS: AGENT ELROND**

Join Agent Elrond (Rondie) and Arofa Tamahn (Roffie) as they run gamut of horse-related topics. Part art jam, part tutorial, part story-ti Roffie, author of the runaway MLP fancomic "The Night the Magic D gives his insights on the MLP:FiM art style, while Rondie, with 20+ ye experience with *actual* horses, relates anecdotes concerning the animals. Finally, bring your questions and suggestions as these two art knuckle down and share their tips and tricks for drawing all things equ both in cartoony and realistic styles.

### SCIENCE, PSEUDOSCIENCE AND OUTRIGHT CRA
**HOSTS: UNCLE KAGE**

Homeopathic remedies? Magnets? Aromatherapy? Let's exam these a little more closely, and let you decide for yourself what is sc science and what is outright crap.

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, & MEDICINE MEET & GRE
**HOSTS: SODALITE**

A chance for anyone who works, studies, or is just interested in th fields to get together, find mutual interests, and network.

### SIZE MATTERS LIVE!
**HOSTS: KWANDRY BAASHER, KENSON SHIMOBE**

Kwandry Baasher (http://www.furaffinity.net/user/tahlyn/) and Ken Shimobe (http://www.furaffinity.net/user/kenson/) are the two host Size Matters (http://www.sizematterspodcast.com), the new pod for the macro/micro furry community. This panel will be the first t Kwandry and Kenson actually record together, and they'll be joined several friends, both big and small!

### SPARKLE DOG
**HOSTS: LUCKY COYOTE, LARKA WOLF**

Have a bright and colorful character, lots of theme songs and acc sories? You're not alone! Bring your accessories and drawing stuff make some new friends with other sparkle dogs! We will have mu snacks and goodies, templates and crayons to design your sparkle dog! Best designs win prizes!

## FANDOM (CONTINUED)

### THE DRAGGET SHOW LIVE
**HOSTS: ALKALI, XANDER THE BLUE**

Join Xander the Blue and Alkali for a live recording of the popular podcast "The Dragget Show." Join them as they hit on the topics that you want to hear like "Why did that bum just kick over a garbage can" and "What happens when you break the shower door" Come for the podcast, stay for the charity story.

### TILT LONGTAIL PRESENTS 'THE DETENTION CLUB'
**HOSTS: TILT LONGTAIL**

A full length spoof of "The Breakfast Club." The 80's classic filmed right here in Suburban Chicago. Starring Greifer as John Bender, it is the story of five high school students who spend a Saturday detention together, and one of them is a fox! Watch the trailer here: https://vimeo.com/62521384

### YOUR FIRST FURRY CONVENTION
**HOSTS: UNCLE KAGE, PERRO**

What to expect at a furry convention, how to behave, pitfalls to avoid, and just what the heck are all those black sketchbooks about, anyway?

## FURSUIT

### ADVANCED FURSUIT BUILDING & MATERIALS
**HOSTS: SILVER HUSKYWOLF, LATIN VIXEN**

For those who have already tried their paw at suit making and are seeking further knowledge and detail to push their own talent higher! Complex discussion on airbrushing, molding, tools, and exotic materials.

### BASIC FURSUIT BUILDING & DESIGN
**HOSTS: SILVER HUSKYWOLF, LUCKY COYOTE**

The 101 of where to get started on constructing your own fursuit. Lots of easy discussion on design, safety, resources, and basic all around techniques. Every journey starts with a single paw step!

### FLOOR WARS DANCE BATTLE
**HOSTS: LAST-FUR-ONE**

Get ready for one of the hottest dance events growing within the furry fandom! Last-Fur-One brings Floor Wars back to Midwest Furfest for another explosive year of competition. Come witness 32 of the fandom's best fursuit and non-fursuit dancers as they battle each other to the top, and find out who is the king of the mountain! Guaranteed to be an exciting and action-packed event!

### FURRHAPPENS FURSUIT PHOTOSHOOT & SOCIAL
**HOSTS: SILVER HUSKYWOLF**

All are welcome to come to a meet and greet with Fursuit GOH Silver, and see up close of some of her FurrHappens creations. There will be a formal group photoshoot of attending FurrHappens fursuiters. Anyone can come and snap a picture, mingle with the FurrHappens family, and enjoy!

### FURSUIT CARE AND MAINTENANCE
**HOSTS: SILVER HUSKYWOLF**

The basis for this panel is to give fursuit owners basic knowledge on tips how to make theirs suit last longer, look better, and stay in good shape for a long time.

### FURSUIT CHARADES
**HOSTS: QUASI SKUNK**

How much CAN you say, without really saying anything? Join us for all the fun and find out! Fursuiters are highly encouraged for this event!

### FURSUIT CHARADES AFTER-DARK
**HOSTS: QUASI SKUNK**

The much more .. interesting... version of fursuit charades.

### FURSUIT DANCE COMPETITION - PRELIMS
**HOSTS: JD PUPPY, THEOME, THUMPER, KODI**

Are you the best dancer in the fandom? Do you have it takes to shake a tail feather? Come prove that you've got the moves to take you to the top of MFF's Second Annual Fursuit Dance Competition. Fursuiters/dancers will compete against one another for a chance to perform on the main ballroom's stage at the Finals!

### FURSUIT DANCE COMPETITION - CHOREOGRAPHY
**HOSTS: JD PUPPY**

Open to all those who had competed in prelims, finalists and non-finalists alike can get together for the group performance that will be the opening number for MFF's fursuit dance competition! JD Puppy will be teaching the group choreography to all who attend. Fursuits not required for this instructional section (but you'll need them for the competition day, of course!).

### FURSUIT HEAD BUILDING
**HOSTS: SILVER HUSKYWOLF**

Nose to ears and everything in between! Heads are a centerpiece of costuming and require lots of attention to detail in their construction. We will be discussing head specific techniques, 3D design, materials, tools, and some finishing tips.

### FURSUIT GAMES
**HOSTS: PANDA**

They're wild, they're crazy, and they're always unpredictable! that could only mean...MFF FURSUIT GAMES! Come help us celebrate ten years of MFF fursuit frivolity and join the fun, or just stand by and watch the fur (and other body parts) fly!

### FURSUIT PARADE
**HOSTS: KODI, THEOME, THUMPER**

Join us as fursuiters meet up in the hotel ballroom for what could only be the best in furry pageantry anywhere! This is a chance top march proudly with other 'suiters, and show off your furry finest to the rest of the con and purr-parazi! Meeting up at 1:00pm, Parade starts at 1:30pm SHARP!

## FURSUIT (CONTINUED)

### FURSUIT PARADE STAGING
**HOSTS: KODI, THEOME, THUMPER**

Fursuiter-staging in the main ballroom to prepare for the parade. No photography inside the ballroom during this period, please. Parade starts at 1:30pm SHARP!

### FURSUIT PERFORMANCE: OUTSIDE THE FANDOM
**HOSTS: FAY V**

For all new fursuiters, this panel will lay out the time tested methods for staying hydrated and cool, as well as the safest methods of performance both in and out of the furry fandom.

### FURSUIT PHOTOSHOOT
**HOSTS: ABRAHM, CALA, DEXCAT**

Work that tail! Stop on by and mug for our camera, and get some wonderful fursuit pictures to remember the con by!

### FURSUIT ROUNDTABLE
**HOSTS: EXILE**

Come on by and get to know all your fellow fuzzies for the weekend! This is a great time to swap stories, see some fursuits, and get the lowdown on all the furry programming for the weekend!

### FURSUIT SAFETY 101
**HOSTS: FAY V**

For all new fursuiters, this panel will lay out the time tested methods for staying hydrated and cool, as well as the safest methods of performance both in and out of the furry fandom.

Olivia "Ai-Zen OllyChimera" Lehrman

### HOW TO BE AWESOME (AT FURSUIT PERFORMANCE
**HOSTS: YIPPEE COYOTE**

Everyone wants to be awesome. Though not everyone is born with the gift o awesome, this panel can at least help you be awesome at one thing: Fursu Performance. Performance tricks, ideas, and discussions on how to stan out and entertain. Be prepared to get up and move around for this one!

### HOW TO COMMISSION A FURSUIT
**HOSTS: MUSHI MAGIC**

So it's your first time commissioning a fursuit, well I'm going to give yo all the tips and tricks for making sure you get exactly the suit you want.

### HOW TO BE A DEMON
**HOSTS: AETOBATUS**

We may have just missed Halloween, but that doesn't mean the de mons have all vanished from this world. In this fursuit performanc panel, we will focus on performance in realistic costumes, particularl around aggressive or evil characters. The panel will be interactive, s interested attendees are encouraged to attend in costume, particularl realistic or aggressive characters. Topics covered will include bot physical posturing and vocalization, as well as issues around safet and legal concerns when acting in an aggressive manner.

### HOW TO BE A HANDLER
**HOSTS: FAY V**

Learn the DOs and DONTs for being a good fursuit handler. Covering th basics of safety, communication, and how to deal with the public outside c cons. A great panel for any new fursuiters or those interested in fursuiting.

### LAST-FUR-ONE DANCE WORKSHOP
**HOSTS: LAST-FUR-ONE**

Want to become a better dancer? Stuck with two left feet? Join the fan dom's first furry dance crew, Last-Fur-One, as they return to Midwes Furfest with their interactive and fun dance workshop tailored to begin ners and veterans alike. Learn how to pop, lock, and groove from som of the fandom's finest dancers as they bring you through the basics o several dance styles. Come enjoy the vibes! Fursuiter-friendly.

### SFX MASKS AND MAKE-UP
**HOSTS: THEMAN**

Learn more about masks, mask-making and make-up effects from a panel of very experienced folks! Covering everything from the castin process, to materials selection and designing your characters. Fee free to bring your own costume creations along!

### TOOLS OF THE TRADE
**HOSTS: OCICAT**

Whether you're just starting out building fursuits. or you're a seasoned build er, you'll need a basic understanding of some of the tools and what to pac (an what not to pack) in that tool box! This panel will cover fursuit tool selec tion, uses, tool box necessities, as well as really handy equipment such as airbrushes, dremel tools, heat guns, electric clippers, and more!

## FURRY VARIETY SHOW

### FURRY VARIETY SHOW (FVS)

**HOSTS: ROBERT KING**

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### FVS REHEARSAL #1 & #2

**HOSTS: ROBERT KING**

## GAMING

### 2 ROOMS AND A BOOM!

**HOSTS: IGGY**

Intrigue, lies, deceit, and occasional bouts of improv! This fun new party game for all kinds of players is incredibly quick to learn, and takes only a few minutes to play. If you like party games like Werewolf/Lupus, then this is worth checking out. All players are given a secret role at the start of the game; most players end up on the red or blue teams. Unlike Werewolf/Lupus, no players get eliminated, instead some players will switch 'rooms' between rounds. The game's main objective is simple, the red team wants to end the game with their team's bomber in the same room as the blue team's leader. On the contrary, the blue teams want the game to end with this pair in separate rooms.

### ADVANCED LUPUS IN TABULA

**HOSTS: ALKALI**

Come join Alkali for this MFF tradition. The always over the top game of Advanced Lupus in Tabula. All of your favorite cards will be returning along with a few new ones! There is a limited amount of space, so get together with your friends, and start yelling at strangers. Advanced Lupus in Tabula: "Werehampster's Revenge"

### CHARITY POKER

**HOSTS: SNOWOLF**

Set sail for the world famous MFF charity poker tournament. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, this tournament will be an exciting and fun way to support our charity. Like last year, the tournament will follow the standard casino style and will include rebuy's and add-on's. As in past years, a $10 donation will grant you a seat at one of the three satellite tournaments with the top 3 players of each satellite moving on to the final 9 player tournament on Sunday. There will be prizes for everyone in the final tournament along with prizes for being on the "bubble" of each satellite. First prize will again be a sponsor membership for next year's MFF! If you are new to poker, don't miss the "No-Limit Hold'em - How to Play" panel prior to the first satellite on Friday.

### CARDS AGAINST HUMANITY (18+)

**HOSTS:**

The party game for wrong people, Cards Against Humanity is the social card game taking conventions and geek culture by storm! Match your white card(s) to the judge's card and the most amusing card wins! Is Robocop and Cybernetic Enhancements the next super hero/ sidekick duo? You decide! This room is provided to bring your own decks to play, but we will provide at least one deck for community use. Space will be provided to allow for multiple games at one time.

### DRAGONSTORM

**HOSTS: TONYA FOUST, MIKE COPELAND**

See Gaming-Grid for Details.

### FUROTICON TCG: HOW TO PLAY & BEGINNER TOURNAMENT! (18+, ADULTS ONLY!)

**HOSTS: CALLISTA SKIP**

Come learn how to play Furoticon: TCG, back this year with a new college-themed expansion! Participate in free play, or, if you're feeling competitive, sign up at Tail Kiss Studio's Dealer Table for the Beginner Tournament, and duke it out for prizes against other Beginners! (Demo Decks will be made available.) (18+, Adults Only)

### FUROTICON TCG: INTERMEDIATE TOURNAMENT (18+, ADULTS ONLY!)

**HOSTS: SEPPEL**

Sign up at Tail Kiss Studio's Dealer Table for the Furoticon Intermediate Tournaments, featuring our new, college-themed expansion! Compete for prizes and harem dominance! (18+, Adults Only)

### FURRY GAME DESIGNERS (18+, ADULTS ONLY)

**HOSTS: TEMPE O'KUN, SEPPEL, CALLISTA SKIP**

Have you ever wondered what goes into making an award-winning card game, especially a furry one? Come meet with the designers of two of the fandom's hottest card games: Nordguard and Furoticon. Whether you're a designer or a fan, stop in for this unique Q & A. Promotional cards will be given out during the panel! 18+ only.

## GAMING (CONTINUED)

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### LUPUS IN TABULA
**HOSTS: IGGY**

Welcome to the peaceful town of Tabula, where we name everything after tables but there's really only chairs. This is everyfur's favorite game of pointing fingers and accusations. This poor town is infested by cute furry werewolves that happen to enjoy feasting on the townspeople nightly. Every day, the town yells at each other until they take out one of their own on suspicion of being a werewolf. The werewolves (a fursuiter!) won last year, who will win this year? All players welcome; I will go over the rules and roles in use. If you are new, please show up on time so we can play as much as possible.

### LUPUS IN TABULA
**HOSTS: TANGO**

A convention favorite so popular multiple games run at once. Groups of up to 18 players are secretly assigned roles within the village of Tabula. Together, the villagers must work out who the werewolves are they prey upon them by night - before their numbers are diminished too far. But werewolves may not be the only threat.

### NO-LIMIT HOLD EM: HOW TO PLAY
**HOSTS: ALBAZ**

Come learn how to play Texas Holdem poker before playing in the charity tournament! All levels of experience are welcome!

### POT-LIMIT OMAHA - HOW TO PLAY
**HOSTS: ALBAZ**

Pot-Limit Omaha is the hottest game in the poker world. Come learn the rules and strategy of this fascinating poker game!

### SECONDARY GAMING
**HOSTS: SHELTEM**

General Gaming - See separate Gaming Schedule in your Pocket-Program for more details.

### SHADOW HUNTERS
**HOSTS: TANGO**

If you're a fan of Lupus in Tabula, Werewolves of Miller's Hollow, Are you a Werewolf?, and similar - but want to play a bit faster, this 8-player board game combines elements of those games with Clue. Shadows, Hunters, and Mortals each have different goals to win and different powers that may help or hurt their cause.

### TABLE TOP GAMING
**HOSTS: YARRICK**

General Gaming - See separate Gaming Schedule in your Pocke Program for more details.

### TRIVIA QUEST
**HOSTS: NOEL, STILLMAN**

So do you know videogames? Are you comfortable wandering th streets of Silent Hill as you are flying an Arwing? Do you know th Secret of Evermore, and are you heavily proficient at rocket jumping Then grab a controller and a partner and win some awesome prize testing your knowledge on everything from 8-bit RPGs to the latest firs person shooter!

### VIDEO GAMING
**HOSTS: DJ SNOWFANG**

See separate Video Gaming Schedule in your Pocket-Program fo more details.

### WHOSE LION IS IT ANYWAY
**HOSTS: ALKALI, XANDER THE BLUE, SEMJAY**

Join Semma and Alkali for the original Whose Lion is it Anyway impro panel! This fully interactive panel will have you in stitches will you, th audience plays your favorite games with 2 of your favorite hosts! Com join us for a night of laughs and Alkali slapping his forehead.

Christina Hernandez

## PUPPETRY

### BASIC VIDEO PUPPETRY
**HOSTS: SILARIA, TREADS LIGHTLY**

What do you do with your puppets after the convention ends? Use the internet to keep the fun alive, of course! Learn the basics of video publishing and editing using little more than the software and hardware that comes with your computer. We'll also touch in live streaming and podcasting.

### INTRODUCTION TO PAWPETEERING WORKSHOP
**HOSTS: JBADGER, VIXIE**

Have you ever watched a pawpet show and think 'I can do that' but didn't know where to begin? Well, this is the place for you! Come and learn the basics of puppeteering from MFF's own pawpeteers. We'll provide you with the tools you need to get started including where to obtain a puppet, tricks to make your puppet come alive by creating a character, performance tips, and ways to practice your new skills. NO Puppets Required!

### MIDWEST FURFEST ANNUAL PUPPET SHOW
**HOSTS: SILARIA, SWIFT FOX**

Come enjoy the talents and efforts of local performers as they bring their puppets to life with skits, songs and improv. The show begins with a variety of entertainment by our talented troupe of puppeteers, then transitions over to skits and songs of the season to help you bring in the holidays.

### MIDWEST FURFEST ANNUAL PUPPET SHOW PRE-SHOW PREPARATION
**HOSTS: SILARIA, SWIFT FOX**

All puppet show performers are encouraged to show up early to make sure everything is ready, get the stage and sound set up and put the finishing touches on their skits and songs.

### MIDWEST FURFEST ANNUAL PUPPET SHOW REHEARSAL
**HOSTS: SILARIA, SWIFT FOX**

Have a skit or song that you've written that you'd like to get in the annual puppet show? Or maybe you have a puppet, want to lend a paw(pet) and get involved with the show? This is your opportunity to get on the "Play Bill" and rehearse for Sunday's show. Please bring your music on a USB Drive and have enough copies of your script for each role in your skit. Attendance at this Rehearsal is required if you want to perform in Sunday's show.

### PAWPET IMPROV WORKSHOP
**HOSTS: SILARIA, VIXIE**

Improvisation provides the necessary skills to bring your puppet character to life whether it's interacting with friends or gracefully maneuvering through unexpected moments that happen during a live show. Our pawpeteers will provide you with some tips and tools you can use to develop your improv skills. Come prepared to participate in some Improv games. NO Puppets Required!

### PUPPETRY – YOUR BACKSTAGE PASS - WORKSHOP
**HOSTS: TREADS LIGHTLY, VIXIE**

The back stage area of any show can be a busy place. Come see what goes on backstage at one of MFF's puppet shows. Get a feel for working in backstage area and the tools used to create a successful puppet show. After discussing the backstage area, you'll have a chance to try performing on the stage. NO Puppets Required!

### REFINING YOUR PAWPETEERING SKILLS WORKSHOP
**HOSTS: VIXIE, SILARIA**

You've been practicing your pawpeteering and you've gotten pretty good at the basics but where do you go from here? This panel will help you take your skills a step further by helping you refine your skills as a pawpeteer. These advanced techniques will really help add life to your performance.

### SCRIPT WRITING FOR PUPPET SHOWS
**HOSTS: VIXIE**

Lip syncing with your puppet to your favorite song is easy and a lot of fun. But when you're ready to take the next step of your journey and wow your audience then you want to be able to write an entertaining script. Come learn the basics of writing a script and the keys to making it fun for both you and your audience.

### PAWPET CHARACTER CREATION
**HOSTS: SILARIA, SWIFT FOX**

You have a new puppet but WHO is this puppet really? We'll discuss everything from ways to find your character's personality to costuming.

## SPIRITUALITY

### DISCUSSIONS WITH DUCK: A FANDOM CORRUPTED?
**HOSTS: DUCK, RAVEN**

Does the topic of sexuality belong in the fandom? Has it corrupted furries or does it belong just as much as the rest of the fandom? Come cast your vote and have a conversation and respectable debate with your fellow furries.

### FURRY CHRISTIAN MEET & GREET
**HOSTS: COMMANDER KITSUNE, DINEEGLA**

An open forum for people to talk about being both furry and Christian. You don't have to be furry or a Christian, but we ask all attendees to be respectful of others. The Commander's no bashing rule is in effect.

### FURRY PAGANS - WHAT IS A LEADER?
**HOSTS: CHEESECAKE, SPIRITWOLF, TORMOD**

Priest/ess, Elder, Druid, Guru, and other names are often associated with the faith leaders of the pagan traditions. What does it take to be a spiritual leader, and what are the responsibilities of a spiritual leader? Join us for a discussion on these and related questions.

## SPIRITUALITY (CONTINUED)

### GUIDED MEDITATION

**HOSTS: TORMOD, CHEESECAKE**

Calming the body, clearing the mind: easy things to do when alone, but far more difficult when surrounded by thousands of other people! Join Tormod and Cheesecake as they invite you to a comfortable space, leading you and your MFF companions through a series of exercises and visualizations accompanied by soothing music and gentle voices. No need for fear or apprehension - bring your worries and leave refreshed!

### INTRINSIC ANIMAL WITH THE ANIMAL GUIDES

**HOSTS: SPIRITWOLF**

Do animals possess intrinsic spiritual qualities? Come join in an interactive learning session (workshop) involving animal guides. Explore your connection with your animal spirit guide.

### MIDNIGHT HOWL

**HOSTS: INNERWOLF**

"At the sound of the tone, the time will be midnight." Help those without watches know when it's midnight by joining us by the front entry to the hotel (bottom of escalators) at 11:45 pm. Howl will be outside facing the forest preserve at Midnight.

### SPIRITUALITY ROUNDTABLE

**HOSTS: INNERWOLF, COMMANDER KITSUNE, CHEESECAKE, TORMOD**

Come and join us for a round table discussion on what your spirituali means to you.

### THERIANTHROPY

**HOSTS: INNERWOLF, CHEESECAKE, TORMOD**

Care and feeding of your inner animal. Have you ever experienced tail or a pair of wings as a "phantom limb" feeling? Does transfor ing mentally or spiritually into your animal form help you connect the Divine? What does transformation mean? What is the experien of therianthropy like? How is this experience reconciled into living spiritual path? Come join us for a discussion of the spiritual aspects animal transformation.

### TRANSFURS

**HOSTS: SAMII TIGER, CHEESECAKE, SNOWKITTY, KAMBER, BRAELYN**

Furry --- human, body --- soul, male --- female. Is life one, the other, somewhere in between? Join us for a discussion about the shades gray, how they affect our spirit, and our every day lives.

### WALKING BETWEEN WORLDS

**HOSTS: COMMANDER KITSUNE**

How do you find your balance between being furry and living in t mundane world? Listen to MFF's two resident nut cases talk about t methods to their madness.

We are proud once again to welcome one of the most innovative theater groups in Chicago to this year's Midwest FurFest: The NeoFuturists, creators of the long-running play "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind", which is currently in its 22nd year! "Too Much Light..." is a rollicking, exciting, thought-provoking, and at times interactive attempt to perform 30 plays in 60 minutes.

In the NeoFuturists' own words:, "The single unifying element of these plays is that they are performed from a perspective of absolute honesty. We always appear as ourselves on stage, speaking directly from our personal experiences. Each short play is written by a performer, honed by the ensemble, and randomly collaged with twenty-nine otherplays through high-energy audience participation. Each night of performance, we create an unreproducable living newspaper collage of the comic and tragic, the political and personal, and the visceral and experimental."

The NeoFuturists will be preparing a performance specially tailored to Midwest FurFest and furry fandom; you don't want to miss it! Their performance will be on the main stage in Grand EFGH on Saturday, from 4 PM – 5 PM. This promises to be a one-of-a-kind show. We hope to see you there!

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## Office of Secret Society Investigation

***SECURE TRANSCRIPT***

***Clearance DOUBTFUL RANGER required

Agent [redacted]: When is this going down?

Informant TAILSWINGER: July 3rd to 6th

Agent [redacted]: 2014?

TAILSWINGER: Yeah. They have a website

Agent [redacted]. Give us a place.

TAILSWINGER: Pittsburgh. PA

Agent [redacted]: Same place as last year?

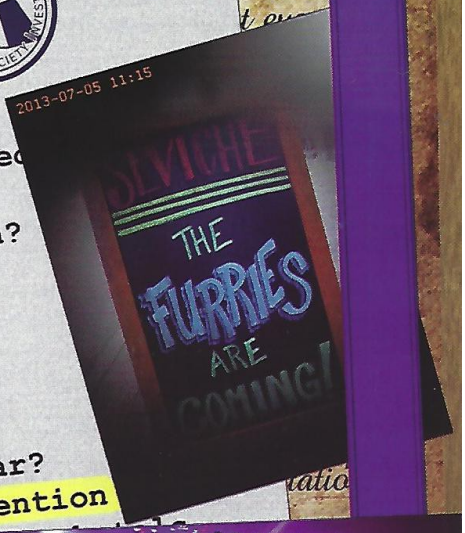
TAILSWINGER: The David L. Lawrence Convention Center. You guys need to book [redacted]

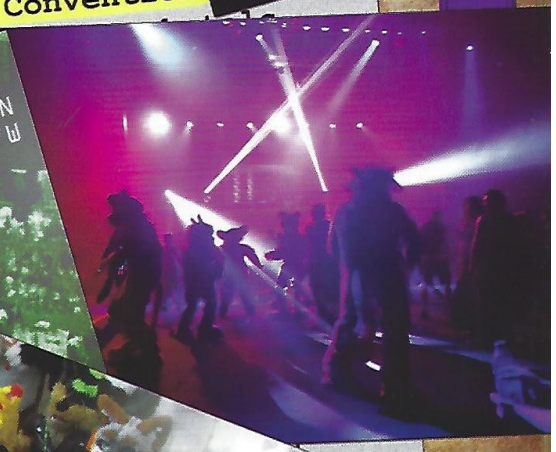
go fast.

Agent [redacted]

Can we trust this guy? -CH

WEBSITE? — WWW.ANTHROCON.ORG?





# DEALERS DEN

**The Dealers Den** is located in the International Ballroom, one level below the Entry Level. We have attempted to provide you with a wide range of opportun ties to exchange your hard-earned money for t-shirts, artwork, jewelry, plush, zines, or whatever you need. We do ask that you not bring any food or drin into the Dealers Room. The Dealers Den will be open the following hours (but watch the sign outside the door for possible changes):

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| **FRIDAY** | **1PM TO 7 PM** |
| **SATURDAY** | **10AM TO 6 PM** |
| **SUNDAY** | **10AM TO 4PM** |

The listing of dealers, their table assignments, and the location map provided is accurate as of October 15, 2013. Check the sign outside the Dealers De as well as the newsletter, for any changes.

## MFF 2013 DEALERS LIST

63 ART BY SANDY SCHREIBER
Sketches, badges, prints, hand-painted china

45-47 BAST'S GARDEN - **www.bastsgarden.com**
Purveyors of Dragons and other exotic plush pets, wearable wings, 2D artwork, commissions, miniature sculpture and whatever else we can stuff in minivan

3 BLUE HARBOR MASCOTS - **www.blueharbormascots.com**
Artwork, same day completion badges, fursuit parts, and a partial costume ready to wear, as well as easy to wear bandanas, and more!

10-11 BUSHYCAT - **www.thevioletpanther.com**
Custom tails, commissions, badges, wooden critters, bad bronies, slinky cat boyz, adult art and all kinds of wonderful furry stuff

91 CARA MITTEN AKA 'IRONFEATHERS'
**- www.furaffinity.net/user/ironfeathers/**
Original art, prints, apparel, and jewelry

13 CARDZ XTCETERA - **www.facebook.com/CardzXtcetera**
Manga, Anime & SF collectibles. Steampunk and cosplay accessories, dice, gaming, and Japanese snacks.

82 CHIBI-MARROW - **www.furaffinity.net/user/chibi-marrow/**
Prints and sketches

15 COONER ARTS! - **cooner.johntoons.com**
Sketch commissions, portfolios, etc.

94 COPPER TREE SYNTHETICS, LLC - **coppertreesynthetics.com**
Fursuit supplies: paw pads, claws, fan and Led kits

79 D.BRUIN'S ART AND PRINTS - **www.furaffinity.net/user/dbruin/**
Art and prints

41 DANJI ISTHMUS/MISSORO - **www.furaffinity.net/user/danji-isthmus/**
Handmade crafts, custom and original art, prints, and various other handmade creations

51 DARK NATASHA - **www.darknatasha.com**
Prints, portfolios, sketches

23-24 DARK RIVER POTTERY AND FORGE
**- www.facebook.com/darkriverpottery**
Handcrafted pottery

20 DAWNFIRE STUDIO - **www.dawnfirestudio.com**
Sketches, badges, prints, & jewelry

5-6 DEAD DRAGON DESIGNS/DIZZINESS
**- www.deaddragondesign.com & etsy.com/shop/dizziness**
Art prints, commissions, and more!

49 DIANA HARLAN STEIN - **naiadstudios.com**
Flat art

62 DREAMKEEPERS - **www.dreamkeeperscomic.com/Intro.htm**
Graphic novels and associated merchandise

33 EXOTIC-EROTICS - **www.exotic-erotics.com**
Adult novelty toys

80-81 FLYING CAT ART AND CASTLE OF CARDS
**- www.castleofcards.com**
Art, cards, commissions, magnets, buttons, handmade pocket plushes, and comics

89-90 FOXLOFT STUDIOS - **http://foxloft.com**
Furry and animal themed T-shirts, handmade jewelry, unique art prints, original a work and more!

7-9 FURPLANET PRODUCTIONS - **FurPlanet.com**
Comics, books and art books

74 FURRHAPPENS - **www.furrhappens.com**
Badges, T-Shirts

16 GIDEON'S CORRAL - **www.gideonscorral.com**
Original art, art CDs, dollar derp badges and awesomness

48 HEATHER BRUTON, ILLUSTRATION
**- www.heatherbruton.ca**
Prints, sketches, bookmarks

96-97 HONECK SCULPTURE - **www.honecksculptures.com**
Bronze sculpture

62 HOPEFULMONSTERSTUDIOS
**- www.furaffinity.net/user/hopefulmonsterstudios/**
Badges, sketchbook sketches, and Wyrms/art dolls

93 IFUS - **www.furaffinity.net/user/ifus**
Custom sketches and badges, buttons, stickers, cards, and premade badges.

12 KIPPERART/CRAFTY CRITTERS - **www.furaffinity.net/user/kipper**
Art, prints etc

30-32 LAGARTO CUSTOM LEATHER - **buylagarto.com**
Leather collars, cuffs, harnesses, belts, special orders

## MFF 2013 DEALERS LIST (CONTINUED)

37-40 LEMONBRAT - **lemonbrat.com**
Hoodies, cosplay accessories, rave wear, hand made plushies

100 LOTUS ARTS - **www.furaffinity.net/user/from-the-lotus/**
Badges, prints, artwork, handmade goods and shinies!

52 MARCI MCADAM - **www.frithcat.com**
Art prints, badges, con sketches

36 MARY MOUSE - **www.micecomics.com**
Premade badges and certified tags, prints, and other furry stuff!

76-78 MISC ETC - **www.misc-etcetera.com**
Plushies, fursuits/fursuit pieces, Fuzzy Hero game system, jewelry, and miscellaneous

18 MITTI - **Mittymandi.tumblr.com**
Art and junk

65-67 MYSTIK WABOOSE - **www.facebook.com/pages/Mystik-Waboose-Clothier/109151045780060?id=109151045780060&sk= pho**
T-Shirts, recycled fur ears and tails, lab coats, buttons

70 NEKO HEAVY INDUSTRIES PRESENTS SKETCHBOOK CENTRAL - **www.sketchbookcentral.com**
Sketchbooks, artist supplies and lamination

14 NORTHWEST FURRY TRADING COMPANY LTD
Art, original sketches and drawings, CDs, prints

25-28 OFFWORLD DESIGNS, INC. - **www.offworlddesigns.com**
T-shirts

19 ONNANOKO - **www.furaffinity.net/user/onnanoko/**
Badges, sketches, and prints

98-99 OTTERLY AMAZING - **otterlyamazing.artfire.com**
Tails, ears, hand and foot paws

71-72 OURMASSHYSTERIA - **www.furaffinity.net/user/ourmasshysteria**
Tails, hats, ears, paws, partial fursuits, metalworks, artwork, bookmarks, charms, commissions

17 P.MOSS - **www.furaffinity.net/user/pmoss/**
Commissions

92 PAINTEDDOG / LIKESHINE
- **www.belibou.com / www.likeshine.com**
Custom hand sculpted badges, pins, and charms // sketches, badges, prints

1-2 PENDRAGON CHAINMAIL
Chainmail clothing and accessories

73 RDK STUDIOS - **www.furaffinity.net/user/kyote**
Pottery, illustrations, and commissions

93 RHIA - **www.furaffinity.net/user/Rhia**
Traditional media, digital media, and vintage-esque goods

75 ROZGA - **www.furaffinity.net/user/rozga/**
Prints, comics, and commissions

42-43 SEWARD STREET STUDIOS
- **www.etsy.com/shop/SewardStreetStudios**
Vinyl decals

4 SHANNON HALL
Fursuit parts, leather badges taking art commissions

50 SHINIGAMIGIRL - **www.shinigamigirl.com**
Commissions, originals, portfolios, art cds, prints, calendars

21 SKULLDOG STUDIO - **www.theskulldog.com**
Original art work and on the spot commissions. Stickers, tees, plush and more.

9 SOFAWOLF PRESS, INC. - **www.sofawolf.com**
Books

83 SONDERJEN - **www.furaffinity.net/user/sonderjen/**
Prints, Apparel, Commissions

44 STEVEN MARTIN - **mauvette.net**
My artwork, prints

29 STUDIO LOBSTER BALL - **studiolobsterball.deviantart.com/**
Needle felted plush sculptures and balloon animals

22 SYNDACTYL ARTS
Furry related merchandize such as laser engraved tags, sketchbooks, and other hand crafted items.

56-57 TAIL KISS STUDIO - **tailkiss.com**
Furoticon, Furoticon Online, Cataro, and more!

84-87 THE DRAGON'S LAIR - **www.anddragonsohmy.com**
Plush, T-Shirts, Dr. Who, Sculpture, Calendars

88 THE FURDUCERS - **furducers.com**
Pre-made and custom hats and plushies; furry-themed scented candles

53-55 THE KNOTTY FOX - **www.theknottyfox.com**
Collars, cuffs, leashes, harnesses all made out of 550 paracord. Also dragon figurines and other figurines

68-69 THE OZFOXES - **www.ozfoxes.com**
Prints, art, cards, t-shirts

95 TOOIE'S NEST - **tooiebird.storenvy.com**
Sketchbooks, original artwork, prints, buttons

34-35 WARHORSE WORKSHOP
- **www.furaffinity.net/user/warhorseworkshop**
Leather armor and accessories, resin masks, fursuit accessories

61 WINDFALCON - FALCON MOON STUDIO
- **www.falconmoon.com**
Prints, conbadges, sketchbook commissions, leatherfeather pendants, leather masks.

58-60 WOLFEH WORKS, LLC - **www.wolfehworks.com**
Fursuit parts such as hats, ears, and tails, as well as accessories such as collars, balaclavas, etc. I will also be selling plushies.

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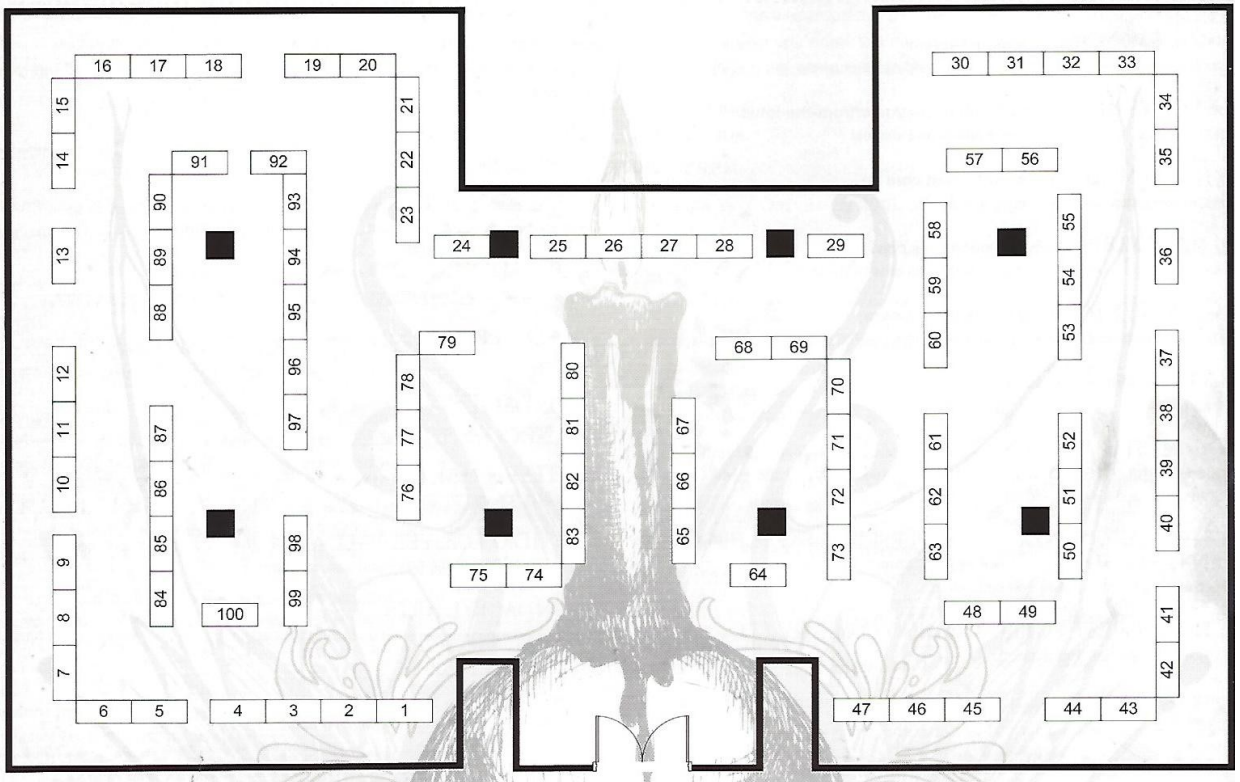


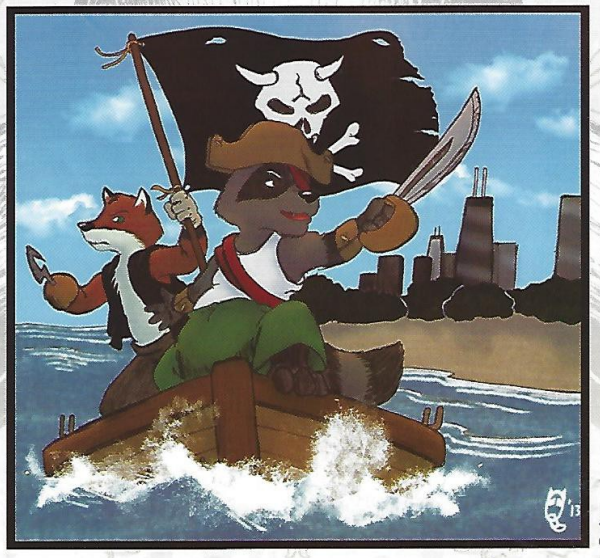

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# Midwest FurFest Art Show

MIDWEST FURFEST is once again proud to host a large and diverse art show. You'll find many of your favorite artists here, as well as some you probably haven't seen anywhere else. We hope you'll take the time to tour the show, see the art, and bid on your favorite pieces. Often. Enjoy the show! And don't forget to stop by and vote for your favorites in our Art Show Awards!

We have a lot of changes in store this year—the biggest change being our location. This year, we're on the lower (International) level of the hotel, on the opposite side of the stairs and escalator from the Dealer's Den and the Artist Alley. Our admin area is set up in the DaVinci rooms, and the whole hallway is devoted to the Art Show. So please come visit our new digs and let us know what you think!

Note that silent bidding runs until 7pm on Saturday evening, and we will NOT be prepared to take payment for art until we open on Sunday morning at 10AM. We will be ending Sunday sales at noon this year to give the treasurer time to generate checks for the artists.

## ART SHOW HOURS

FRIDAY:
**Artist check-in begins at 10am**
**Open to the general public from 1pm-6pm**

SATURDAY:
**Open to the general public from 10am-7pm**
**Bidding ends at 7pm**

SUNDAY:
**Open for art pickup from 10am-3pm**
**Sunday sales will end at Noon**
**Voice auction starts at 10:30am**

## BIDDING PROCEDURE

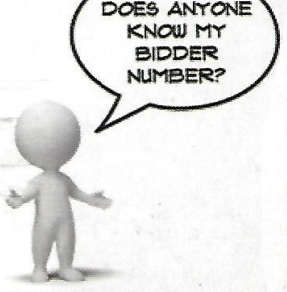
**YOUR BADGE NUMBER IS YOUR BIDDER NUMBER.**

To purchase art, you must place a bid on the bid sheet that is attached to the piece of art that you are interested in. **Clearly and legibly** write your name in the space indicated, your bidder number, and the amount that you wish to bid. Each bid must be a higher dollar figure than the previous bid. **Your badge number found on your convention badge is your bidder number.** All bids must be in whole dollar amounts, bids with cents will be rounded up.

If more than five bids are on the bid sheet, silent bidding is closed on that item, and it will go to voice auction on Sunday morning. Do not write any further bids on a piece that has five bids; they will be ignored. If, at the close of bidding on Saturday night there are less than five bids on a bid sheet, the highest bidder on the sheet wins the piece of art.

Remember: by bidding on a piece of art you are entering into a contract to purchase it. All purchased art must be picked up by 3:00 pm on Sunday. If you do not pick up art that you have purchased, we will attempt to contact you after the con and arrange to ship it to you, at your expense. If we are unable to contact you, a note will be placed in the registration database, and you will be unable to attend Midwest FurFest in future years until you pay for the art. Lists of winning bidders and art show pieces that will be in the voice auction will be posted outside the art show by 10am Sunday morning (usually they appear sometime around 1 or 2 am Sunday morning). Please check with us to make sure if you think you won a piece but do not see your name on the list.

Bidding will start to close at 7pm on Saturday night. We will perform a 'rolling close' Beginning in the adult art section, we will close each panel for bids one at a time. This way, if you are competing for art on several different panels around the room, you will be given a fair shot to up your bid on each piece before bidding closes. The rolling close will take approximately half an hour. Security and art show staff will be present to ensure that no further bids are placed once a panel is closed for bidding. When all panels are closed, the art show will close to the general public so that staff may begin the audit process in preparation for sales and the voice auction on Sunday morning.




**YOUR BIDDER NUMBER IS YOUR BADGE NUMBER.**

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## VOICE AUCTION

Art show pieces that have five bids on the bidsheet will go to voice auction on Sunday morning, beginning at 10:30am. Adult show pieces will be auctioned first, after which time the auction will be open to all ages. Bidding will be run by the auctioneer, who will describe the process at the beginning of the auction. Once again, whole dollar amounts only, and **your bidder number is your badge number**. If there are no further bids at the voice auction, the piece will be awarded to the highest bid on the bidsheet.

## ART PICKUP

Art pickup will begin at 10am on Sunday morning. Please form a line outside the art show doors; no one will be allowed inside the art show without a staff escort. Please provide your badge number to your escort, who will then take you to your purchased art or bring it to you and direct you to the check-out lines. You will also have an opportunity to purchase any unsold art pieces at their Sunday Sale price between 10AM and Noon. If you have won a piece of art in the voice auction, please allow art show staff time to get the purchase entered into the system before picking it up. Artists may pick up their unsold art at any time on Sunday. We do ask that all art be picked up by both artists and purchasers before 3:00pm. Special arrangements regarding art pickup must be made prior to Sunday with the art show director. Please don't make us hunt you down.

**FROM THE ART SHOW THAT ORIGINALLY BROUGHT YOU**
"CHECKS FOR THE ARTISTS AT CLOSING CEREMONIES"
COMES A FURTHER ADVENTURE...

## ART SHOW AWARDS!

This year we will be awarding four major awards (with prizes, even!)

Two of the awards are chosen by The Powers That Be --
Director's Choice (chosen by the Art Show Director) and
Chairman's Choice (chosen by the convention's Chairman).
One will be chosen by the artists exhibiting in the show.

The fourth award this year is voted on BY THE PEOPLE!
That's right... it's all up to YOU who wins!

Winners will get bragging rights for the next year, as well as a complimentary membership to Midwest FurFest 2014!

**So be sure to stop by the Art Show and cast your vote!**

# ARTISTS ALLEY

**Artist Alley** is a place for individual artists to show off their work; sell prints, sketchbook sketches, and other commissions; and generally have a great time.

## THE SHORT VERSION:

To enter Artist Alley, artists must first sign up for the lottery. You can signup for Friday on Friday morning. You can signup for Saturday at the Artist Alley staff table, located just outside the Alley, towards the end of Alley hours on Friday, and for Sunday same place and time on Saturday.

Alley staff runs the lottery and you end up Seated, or On Standby.
If you are Seated, show up at the Artist Alley staff table at setup time and we'll sign you in and issue you a Table Number card. Find a seat, keep the Table Number card visible and have fun!

When you're done for the day, just hand in your Table Number card at the staff table.

However, Artist Alley is not the Dealer's Den. Important differences include:

- Artists do not pay to use the Artist Alley.
- Artists are not required to have a Illinois Tax ID number but must pay taxes to the State of Illinois all the same.
- Seats in Artist Alley are limited and chosen by lottery. You must sign up for a seat in the Alley each day.
- You must bring in your art materials/items to sell each day, and **take them with you when you leave.** No items of any kind may be left overnight.
- **There is no electrical power available in Artist Alley.**
- Space in the Alley is limited. Space behind tables must be kept clear, in particular **no display racks or clutter are permitted** there.
- Vienna is for G/PG/PG-13 rated art only, no mature art will be permitted.
- Paris, London, and Florence permit artwork of any rating, but X rated art must be covered or actively worked on when not being viewed by a buyer.

## ALLEY HOURS:

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| FRIDAY | **Artist Signups:** | 10:00am - 10:30am |
| | **Setup for artists only:** | 12:30pm - 1:00pm |
| | **Open for business:** | 1:00pm - 6:00pm |
| SATURDAY | **Setup for artists only:** | 9:30am - 10:00am |
| | **Open for business:** | 10:00am - 7:00pm |
| SUNDAY | **Setup for artists only:** | 9:30am - 10:00am |
| | **Open for business:** | 10:00am - 3:00pm |

## SIGNING UP:

For Friday, the signup location and time will be printed in the con book and displayed outside the Alley. The lottery will be run and the results will be verbally called at this same location at the end, and artists must be present in order to receive their seats.

Towards the end of Artist Alley opening hours on each day, signups for the next day's lottery will be taken at the Artist Alley staff desk. Saturday and Sunday's lottery results will be posted outside the Alley shortly after closing on Friday and Saturday nights respectively.

If there are fewer artists in the lottery than seats available, everyone has a seat. If there are more artists than the seats available, names will be drawn at random to determine who is placed on standby.

**Please note:** Artists must be present, signed in and at their table when the Alley opens. Any artist not present will be placed on standby, and the seat given to an artist that is waiting. Artist Alley seats cannot be reserved before the convention. Standby artists are strongly encouraged to drop by the Artist Alley staff desk and leave proper contact information to ensure they can be reached when a table comes available.

If the standby list is empty, any available seats are handed out on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Artist Alley staff desk.

## GENERAL RULES:

Artists must sign in before occupying a table, and must sign out again when they vacate their spot.

All belongings and trash must be picked up when the artist signs out of a table, repeated failure to do so will result in loss of Alley privileges. The convention accepts no responsibility for items left unattended: including artwork, supplies and personal items. Trash receptacles are widely available throughout the hotel space, please use them when appropriate.

Midwest FurFest is unable to provide power drops in Artist Alley. We apologize for the inconvenience, and are happy to allow artists to run to their rooms for services requiring a power drop without fear of losing their table space. A laminator will be on hand at the staff table, though artists will need to supply their own lamination sheets.

Items generating an unacceptable noise-level are prohibited. This includes voices, personal stereos, computers, handheld game units, etc. Displays that flash lights or make noise are not appropriate and we ask that they not be used. Repeated complaints of excessive noise or disruption may result in loss of Alley privileges. Headphones are strongly encouraged for artists who wish to listen to music.

Midwest FurFest does ask that artists not set out tip jars or printed solicitations for donations. We prefer that all charitable donations be made to the selected charity. If a tip jar is set out, the artist will be asked to remove it.

Underage artists must be accompanied by an adult at all times but are not otherwise prohibited. They are, however, required to sit in Vienna (the "G/PG/PG-13 rated room") and get priority on seating there if there are non-minor artists in the space and available space in the other three rooms, but artists will not be kicked out to favor a minor artist if no other space is available.

## SALES:

Each artist receives 3 feet of table space (a half table), and Alley staff requests that all artists keep their belongings within their allotted space. Artists must keep all their supplies within their table space in order to keep the aisles clear. Any artist that "drifts" over into a new table space or into the aisles will be asked to remove the extra belongings and take them back to their room.

All aisles and space to the back of tables must be kept open. This is a requirement of Fire Code and is not open to debate, and failure to do so will result in loss of Alley privileges. All artists must remain seated behind their tables, not beside or in front. Customers must remain standing in the aisles and may not be invited behind the table. Space behind the tables is limited to one person per 3 foot table half (the only exceptions to this are minor artists who must be accompanied and medical necessity). Anyone blocking the aisles will be asked to move. Repeated requests to clear the aisle will result in loss of Alley privileges. No displays or racks are permitted outside of the 3 foot table space (no free standing racks behind or in front of tables), racks and displays on the table are perfectly acceptable.

Only artwork created by the artist may be sold. Artist Alley is not meant to be an inexpensive alternative to the Dealer's Room or Art Show, and for that reason we cannot accept agents, or people reselling another's artwork. If in doubt that your work is appropriate, please contact the Artist Alley staff before the convention.

# ARTIST'S ALLEY

Sales are only allowed in the approved areas of Artist Alley, Art Show, or the Dealer's room. Artists may not set up and make sales in the hallways or the Con-suite. Any artist in violation of this will lose Alley privileges, and as this is a violation of Midwest FurFest's Code of Conduct, the artist may lose convention privileges, up to and including expulsion from the convention premises. (Money may only exchange hands in the appropriate convention areas during the con.)

## ARTWORK RATINGS:

### PARIS, LONDON, FLORENCE:

Artist Alley is subject to the same rules regarding appropriate display as all other facets of the convention. Adult art must be in a separate, clearly marked binder. Artists are expected to make a best effort to keep the binders closed when someone is not going through them. Adult binders must be kept closed in the presence of minors. If in doubt, ask to see a badge (Minor badges are always different than regular attendees). If there are questions on suitability, or if discrepancies arise, the staff on duty will have the final authority.

All adult art must have genitalia covered. Appropriate coverings include stickers, post-its, opaque tape, etc. Placing the covering on a plastic sleeve is acceptable. We ask that all artists make a best effort to shield any adult works in progress from public view; turning it over if it's set down, etc.

Alley staff may request that adult binders be closed, or that artwork be moved to an adult binder or folder. Tape and post-it notes will be available at the staff table. Refusal to comply with staff requests or allowing a minor to view adult artwork will result in loss of Alley privileges. Please note, artists are expected to comply promptly with any staff requests to close adult books or to move adult artwork, failure will result in loss of Alley privileges.

Physical items of a overtly sexual nature may not be displayed for sale, though signage for such items may be presented so long as it remains tasteful and is itself not of an overtly sexual nature.

### VIENNA:

No adult artwork will be displayed or worked on in this room, covered or uncovered. This room is intended as a place for clean art only and is to be used as such. Minor artists are required to use this room. Permanent staff members will be on hand to supervise this area, but underage artists must still be escorted.

Refusal to comply with staff requests or allowing a minor to view adult artwork will result in loss of Alley privileges. Please note, artists are expected to comply promptly with any staff requests to close adult books or to move adult artwork, failure will result in loss of Alley privileges.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

The Alley staff is always looking for ways to enhance convenience and the overall experience of Alley use for both our artists and our attendees and all feedback is welcomed.

Artists are encouraged to check the Alley area each morning of the convention for updates and announcements.

Because artists may sit in Artist Alley for all three or only one or two days of the convention, Alley staff and Midwest FurFest cannot be held responsible for communications between artists and customers (i.e. for returning sketchbooks, commissions, etc.). Contact information provided by artists to the Alley staff is confidential and will not be shared with attendees without the express permission of the artist.

We strongly recommend that artists display contact information somewhere on their table and encourage that they have their customers take this information down when commissioning the artist. Business cards are the perfect answer to this and are also strongly encouraged.

## TAXES:

Per Illinois law, any vendor selling items at Midwest FurFest is required to collect sales tax. The collection and remittance of taxes to the Illinois Department of Revenue is the responsibility of the individual artist or crafter. Information on filing can be found at the Illinois Department of Revenue ( http://www.revenue.state.il.us/ ). Midwest FurFest is required to provide the names of all vendors to the Illinois Department of Revenue, and we are not able to offer assistance with tax questions. Required paperwork is available through the Department of Revenue's website. (Please note: Currently, Rosemont sales tax is 9.75%.)

We would like to remind attendees that we are not tax professionals and cannot answer more than the most general of questions regarding tax situations. We strongly suggest that you review the Illinois Department of Revenue website and enquire there if you have difficult issues that must be answered.

## ACCEPTABLE MERCHANDISE:

Firstly, only artwork created by the individual artist may be sold.
To further differentiate between the Dealer's Room and Artist Alley, Midwest FurFest has chosen to limit the types of merchandise allowed to be sold in the Alley. Know that these rules and guidelines will be revisited on an annual basis, so please check back each year.

Examples of acceptable merchandise:

- Original artwork and prints of original artwork.
- Fursuiting Items / Pieces. Tails, gloves, ears, masks and all other costuming items are permitted, but may not extend outside of your table space.
- Comics or other printed matter containing the artist's original work.
- Commissions / Sketchbooks.
- Small crafted items, buttons, stickers and other small wearables. All crafted items must have the artist's original work.

The following items are listed as 'Discouraged Merchandise'. Alley staff will attempt to seat vendors for these items if space is available, however priority will be given to vendors selling merchandise from the list of acceptable items.

- Performance Art. CDs and DVDs of spoken art, music, comedy acts, podcasts, etc. are discouraged. CDs or DVDs containing visual arts made by the selling artists are fine.
- Wearables. Display and sale of T-Shirts, hats and other clothing is discouraged due to the bulk of these items.

Finally, the following items are 'Not Allowed Merchandise'. We cannot allow the sale of these items in the Artist Alley.

- Any item larger than three feet in any dimension. The Artist Alley simply does not have the space for items like these.
- Food stuffs. Due to legal and liability reasons, sale of edible items is not allowed.
- Clip art, text or other generic or potentially copyrighted/trademarked images or messages, either as prints or on buttons, stickers or other wearables.

If you have questions regarding the suitability of your merchandise, please check with the Alley staff.

Midwest FurFest reserves the right to change, amend, or modify these rules without prior notice.

# CHARITY - ONE TAIL AT A TIME

## ONE TAIL AT A TIME DOG RESCUE

ONE TAIL AT A TIME is a no-kill, all-breed dog rescue that serves to lower euthanasia rates in the greater Chicagoland area and provide education on the humane treatment of companion animals. The rescue concentrates its efforts on dogs that are in danger of being euthanized, or those that are physically and/or mentally deteriorating in a shelter environment, works to rehabilitate them, and then matches each dog with a permanent home. Focused on keeping pets as a part of our family, One Tail at a Time offers fosters and adopters continued support and education on how best to keep dogs happy, healthy and bonded for life.

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# ONE ANIMAL'S TREASURE

BY EDUARDO SOLIZ

"Land, ho! Spot's Island dead ahead!" A yellow husky with blue headfur wearing pantaloons yelled from the crow's nest of the Scaly Wench. He looked down at the ship's deck and saw a lizardess wearing a white blouse and red skirt looking up and waving at him to come down. Mallo waved back, exited the crow's nest, and began climbing down a rope ladder.

Mallo hopped off the ladder and walked to the ship's wheel to meet the lizardess, who was nearly a foot taller than him. "So, the island's there, as you said. This treasure had better be as valuable as you say it is or we may regret having spared your life, dog," she said.

"It is, Brittany, I swear it! I want to profit from this as much as you do." He replied. Brittany hissed in response.

"Or, I'll just be happy to be alive!" He quickly remarked.

The ship's Captain, a male lizard sporting a dark coat with matching pantaloons, joined them. He withdrew a telescope from his coat pocket and used it to take a quick look at the approaching island. "So, our new cabin boy came through after all, eh? I guess that means no dinner tonight," he said while flicking his tongue at Mallo.

Mallo looked up at the captain with sad eyes and whined.

"Har har har!" Bellowed the captain. He slapped Mallo on the back; the husky nearly fell down from the force of the blow. "I'm pulling yer tail, cabin boy! I swear yer insides are as soft as yer outside! But don't worry; we'll make ya tough and scaly like us yet! Right, Brittany?"

"Well, not too tough, Captain. I might like to have a little softie like him to help keep me warm at night," she said seductively before extending a hand to Mallo's face and playfully pinching his cheek.

"Is it too late to cancel dinner?" Mallo nervously asked.

"We're fast approaching the island, mateys. Brittany! I want you, four hardy crewmembers, and shorty here to take a rowboat to the island and get that treasure," he ordered. "If'n he tries anything funny, then leave him there."

"You're pulling my tail again, right?" the husky asked.

"Do ya really want to find out, sonny?" The captain ominously replied.

Just over an hour later, Mallo was leading Brittany and her group of pirates to where the crew of his former ship, the Salty Dog, had buried their treasure. The husky counted his steps on the sandy beach while the pirates followed close behind.

"Ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine...one hundred! And this is where we dig!" Mallo confidently said, pointing at the ground.

"You mean, this is where YOU dig, dog!" Brittany said. Mallo looked up at her and whined.

"Oh, for the love of Davy Jones!" Brittany growled before motioning to two other lizards that were holding shovels. "You two, help him!"

Mallo was offered a shovel, but refused it. Instead, he dropped to all fours and began digging with his handpaws. The two pirate lizards looked at each other, shrugged and began digging with their shovels.

Another hour and a half passed before the three animals reached the treasure chest and raised it to the surface. Brittany reached with her hands and pulled a chain over her head with a key on the end.

"A souvenir from your former Captain...I think it might still have some of his blood on it," she said before playfully licking the key with her forked tongue. Mallo was too tired to respond. He sat in the sand nearby, panting.

Brittany leaned over, inserted the key into the large lock that held the chest shut and unlocked it. She tossed the lock and key into the sand and opened up the chest. When she saw what was inside, she gasped. A smile started to form on Mallo's face which quickly disappeared as Brittany began to hiss.

The lizard glared at him menacingly and flicked her tongue. "THIS is your treasure?" She yelled, motioning at the contents of the treasure chest. "Just what in the seven seas are we supposed to do with these things? They're worthless!!"

Mallo calmly stood up and walked to the treasure chest. "You are right. They are worthless to you and your crew, but others will pay very handsomely for these," he said. He reached into the chest, pulled out an ornate brush with a brass handle from within, and brushed his headfur with it. A confused Brittany looked on while Mallo started to brush his left arm.

"A quality brush or comb is worth its weight in gold to my people, madam. You have NO idea how hard it is to get dirt, sand, and salt water crystals out of your fur!"

NightlineZ

# MIDWEST FURFEST 2013 STAFF

## Perro
**Chairman**
Besides being a fake dog, I work in the legal industry, build fursuits, ride sportbikes and pedal bikes, ski, I'm learning to play hockey and well versed in breaking bones and ligaments. I've volunteered for non-profit wildlife educational and research facilities in the past, and have worked both security and programming for MFF before taking the hot seat. This is my second year as Chair and have signed up for the hat trick next year.

## Woody Timothy J. Wood
**Treasurer**
MFF 2013 marks this urban mutt's TENTH Midwest FurFest... That's one before getting roped into: three behind a registration desk, two running Logistics and now four as Treasurer. He loves, in no particular order: his family, his friends and Chicago. And if he can pass on but one piece of advice to you, it is this: This is not a book... It is the physical manifestation of a single weekend in your life. It isn't just filled with paper, but with memories of friends and loved ones. Whether you are reading this in 2013 and the weekend is ongoing or in 2033 and you're looking back... It is up to each of us to make the most of the time we have. Drama gets solved, anger subsides, friendships blossom, and relationships move forward. There are highs and lows so extreme that they bring tears to your eyes... But in the end, it is your choice how you remember this weekend. Embrace that.

## Kodi
**Programming**
Kodi. A husky. A fursuit builder. A performer, hails from the Great North: Canada. Kodi began in the fandom back in 2000, making his first costume and performing as part of the Make-A-Wish foundation in Vancouver, BC. A few years later, he helped form the charity performing group Helping Pawz, still active in the Vancouver-area today. Kodi has even appeared on the CBC during an episode of Culture Shock, where they explored the furry culture. Continuining to make fursuits today, as a hobby, Kodi's managed to make over 70 critters in the past decade. After living all over the United States and Canada, he currently makes this home in the Chicago-area.

## Duncan da Husky Tom Brady
**Hotel**
Duncan has been with Midwest FurFest since it all began, as a member of the Board of Directors, Registration Director, and Chairman. He is now in his fourth year as Hotel Liaison as well as Social Media Director. Duncan is a quality engineer for a major pharmaceutical manufacturer and lives in the far northern Chicago suburbs with his husband, Takaza J. Wolf.

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**A/V**

## Cheetah
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## Crimson
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## Hunter
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**A/V**

## Spuds
**A/V**

## Alison
**Art Show**

## Dan Skunk
**Art Show**

## Fauxreal
**Art Show**

## fireweaver
**Art Show**
Moryssa's musical groupie friend who got talked into helping years ago, and keeps coming back despite lack of sleep!

## Grumble Lioness Bill A
**Art Show**
Mostly harmless. Electrical engineer, FPGA designer, C++ programmer, Robot and animatronics builder. Watch out if she sends her robot minions after you.

## Linnaeus
**Art Show**

## Moryssa Misti Bonis
**Art Show**
Back again for another round... just can't seem to hit that escape velocity... And this year, once again, they've left her In Charge(tm)... <insert evil laughter here>

## Sonia
**Art Show**

## Tempurr Tabs
**Art Show**

## Terry
**Art Show**

## Bander
**Artist Alley**
Bander is a mostly-harmless Hawaiian shirt-wearing guy with a wei foreign accent who somehow finds himself working Artist Alley at a convention 2000 miles from home and is having a great time doing

## Dr. Shawn Kesten
**Artist Alley**
This is year seven now... I don't even know what to think of that anymore! Just take these words of wisdom to heart: One of the greate lessons of history is that Nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say.

# MIDWEST FURFEST 2013 STAFF

Frostbite
**Artist Alley**
30s/Yes/Boston. Arctic Fox, long-time MFF staffer. Not a fur-suiter!

Mietm
**Artist Alley**
Have you got an ocelot? I've got lots of ocelots. I want lots of ocelots. I've got lots of ocelots. Give me all the ocelots 'cause ocelots is what I want and I like ocelots a lot so give me lots and lots and lots. So I want lots and lots and lots and lots and lots and lots and lots of ocelots. Ocelot what I got!

NallTWD
**Artist Alley**

Nyil
**Artist Alley**
Nyil is an elder beast that lives on coffee, paint fumes and tears. He is also a violinist of death, luring his victims into his lair with his musical prowess and jaunty tunes. Outside of the fandom he studies neuroscience, in the hopes that he might be able to one day devour peoples brains and make their strengths his own. He can generally be found lurking in the Artist Alley, keeping the poor souls around him in line.

Nyxsiern
**Artist Alley**

Pegasus316
**Artist Alley**

Zannah
**Artist Alley**

Redkam
**Artist Alley / Art Show**

Fuzzy Dog Thing Andrew R. Miller
**Charity Liasion**
Andrew 'Wolphy' Miller has been attending Midwest Furfest since its beginning, and has dabbled in such positions as security and treasurer, and now assists Graywolf with attending to the wants and needs of this year's charity. Currently residing in North

GrayWolf
**Charity Liasion / Photography**

Alkali
**Con Suite**

Kamiten
**Con Suite**

Kieva
**Con Suite**

Max Hykova
**Con Suite**

Pan
**Con Suite**

mAdius
**Con Suite / A/V**

Zel Hamster
**Con Suite / Crowd Control**

ARC
**Crowd Control**

Tango
**Crowd Control**

Brendan Lonehawk Brendan Lonehawk
**Dealers**
Besides attending science fiction cons for more years than he cares to think about, Brendan has been running the Midwest FurFest Dealers Den (or Room, as it was originally called) since the convention began and he decided to unleash his inner Furry. Besides a book collection which he's despaired of ever getting fully unpacked and on shelves, he shares his residence with four cats.

Sasho Windfeather
**Dealers**

Wyldekyttin
**Dealers**

Jen
**Hotel**

Street Brian Power
**Hotel**
Probably not but definitely maybe.

Kellic
**Hotel / Con Suite**

Dave David Perkins
**IT**
During his first year in I.T. Dave has been busily increasing operating efficiency through the installation of numerous gratuitous buttons, knobs, switches and levers.

digital`dragon Nate Roylance
**IT**
For years this dragon has been a lurker and attendee of many cons. Then during one fateful night of drunken fellowship he volunteered his time to MFF. Since that day he has been extremely... exhausted. Who knew that keeping the tubes unwound and clean was so hard? Friends call me Digi, think short for Digital, and I love working with such an amazing con. Thank you everyone!

Feartree
**IT**

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Kiyo
**IT**

Roho
**IT**

YA BURR FAWTY
**IT**

Metro
**IT / Operations**

CajunFox
**Logistics**

Edmon Star
**Logistics**

Evan Li
**Logistics**

Jack
**Logistics**

kalendil
**Logistics**

Kess
**Logistics**

Pamf
**Logistics**

Rocket
**Logistics**

SpORK
**Logistics**

The Man
**Logistics**

William H Yamagoshi
**Logistics**

Aurora Jackal
**Operations**

Cheif Dancing Bear
**Operations**

Cyan Icewolf
**Operations**

Dusk Dargent
**Operations**

EddiKat
**Operations**

Edward Hyena
**Operations**

Giza White Mage
**Operations**

Mamasan
**Operations**

Nightflurry
**Operations**

Renegade-DI
**Operations**

SmackJackal
**Operations**

Legonnare
**Operations / Con Suite**

Takaza J Wolf Dan Hauschild
**Operations / Guest of Honor Liasion**
Takaza has been helping out with MFF since before there was a MF helping out in other conventions over the years, and may never stop helping out. Lives with a Husky, a German Shepherd mutt, and herd data for a large conglomerate that has answers.

Cala
**Photography**
Having visited every public bathroom in the greater Chicago area, this smooth operator can tell you all the best places to take your da constitutional. He is also an expert impressionist; you'll be blown away by his impression of famous people such as the hostess from IHOP and many more.

Codex
**Programming**

Huscoon
**Programming**

JD Puppy
**Programming**

Tekfox
**Programming**
Just a simple fox that loves music. I'm not even sure how I ended u here, but so far I'm enjoying the ride.

Theome
**Programming**

## Thumper
**Programming**

## Candis
**Programming - FVS**

## Leasara
**Programming - FVS**

## Robert King
**Programming - FVS**
A long-time furry, Robert started his journey with SF fandom and discovered furry fandom in 1987. He went to Confurence 2 and was inspired to start the Duckon furry track. Robert helped start Duckon with his wife Candis and they have also worked on Worldcons, Windycons, and Costumecons. Robert founded Midwest FurFest when the Duckon furry track grew too big and he acted as convention chair for the first two years. He is also president of Midwest Furry Fandom, the corporation that puts on Midwest FurFest.

## Socks
**Programming - FVS**

## Treads Lightly
**Programming - FVS**
A shy wolf living in Chicago for the last five years, he tries to help out where he can.

## Wildfox
**Programming - FVS**
Sometimes a fox, sometimes a skunk, sometimes another critter, always unperdictable... but usually a klutz! Been attending MFF since 2002 and been involved in staffing the con since 2005. Long time fursuiter and puppeteer. Quiet by nature, usually lets his actions speak for themselves. Can be a friendly person once you break the ice with him.... just gotta hope he doesn't break anything else.

## Dire
**Programming Track - Art**
Rather than bore you with a boring bio that bores you to tears you're too bored to shed, instead take this time to reflect on how much happier you would be if you were hugging a big fluffy wuff right now.

## R.C. Rabbitsfoot
**Programming Track - Art**
Part time courier. Part time Illustrator. Full time procrastinator.

## K.P.
**Programming Track - Fandom**

## Ocicat
**Programming Track - Fursuit**

## Yarrick
**Programming Track - Gaming**

## Silaria
**Programming Track - Puppetry**

## Swift Fox
**Programming Track - Puppetry**

## Innerwolf
**Programming Track - Spirituality**

## Tormod
**Programming Track - Spirituality**
Gamer, writer, philosopher, IT monkey, wolf therian/furry, music composer, QAer, producer, radio cohost, lover of scritches, affectionate cuddler, and relentless journeyer. Found in the southern reaches of Wisconsin, Tormod returns to MFF for a second year, with an almost twisted enthusiasm and strong desire for spirited conversation, tasty noms, and new friends!

## Midwest
**Publications**
Although a Chicagoland native, Midwest's namesake encompasses the geographical area she grew-up. It just so happens that the name "Midwest" is in "Midwest Furfest" and that her first furry convention was Midwest Furfest in 2004. In 2007, when she returned to Illinois and became more active in furry, the theme of the con was "Critters on the High Seas" which is ironic that this weekend's convention is "Pirates of Lake Michigan." This is her first year contributing her graphic design talents to the convention. Midwest is happily married to a husky (Furball2k) that gives every Midwest Furfest staff member a headache when mentioning his name.

## PJ Fox Sam Claver
**Publications**
While I have been part of the fandom for almost seven years, this is my first time working on a con staff. I have lived in the Chicago suburbs nearly my entire life, but I also spent five years exploring New England. After I graduated from college, I found a job in the west suburbs of Chicago as a full time logistics writer. I have been attending MFF on and off since 2007 when college didn't get in the way, and I hope to continue the trend in years to come.

## DexCat
**Publications & Photography Lead**
Currently serving his 7th term on staff, this tiger has carefully stitched together the pixels that eventually made this conbook, and is the same cat you'll see if you stop by Fursuit Photoshoot. Say Hi! Bring beer!

## Blithe
**Registration**

## Ciron
**Registration**

## Clemikou Susan Saddler
**Registration**
Some of you may know Clemi as that kinkajou artist girl, others probably not at all! She don't tend to travel much so she don't get around to other furry cons, but she does make sure to support her local one. MFF woot! Clemikou is just your average furry girl who loves and adores Disney movies, My Little Pony(before it was cool >>), World of Warcraft(For the Horde), and drawing. If you don't see her actively drawing, I assure you there's at least one pencil in her bag.

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## Cobra Shep
**Registration**

## Damion
**Registration**

## daveQat
**Registration**
DaveQat has been going to fur cons for way too long now... he lives happily in sin with Synicism, his husband of 11 years, and collects tattoos, cats, quotations, and is still attempting to learn the finer points of impulse control.

## Fyremane Foxx
**Registration**
A crazed 3-tailed Kitsune Foxx girl, sometimes disguising herself as a responsible adult, or a human. She resides in the Frozen Wastes of Minnesota, with her boyfriend, 5 ferrets, and some of her Family of Choice. She also Loves Hugs.

## Geemo
**Registration**
Just your average half-dragon, half-dog, half-engineer guy living in Milwaukee. [citation needed]

## Kirah Janae
**Registration**

## Kotanu
**Registration**

## Kyska Ri Saddler
**Registration**
Dragged into the fandom in 2007 (but really was a furry from a young age when she would love to imagine what it would be like to have a tail and ears for real), not sure of what to expect at a "furry" con, it was clear this was a new home. Now firmly rooted in the furry community, Kyska is one happy little snow leopard. Has a love for fancy ears, kitties, puppies, wee lil bunnies, and everything else that is little and cute and fluffy, but also a very strong passion for writing. First year staffer! Woo!

## Latte
**Registration**
Latte hails all the way from sunny San Jose, where she spends much of her time as a Marketing Director for Further Confusion. This is her first MFF, but she is happy to help out the front lines of Registration! She is also a web and graphic designer for a major telecom company, and loves a great cup of coffee (whoda thunk?).

## Max
**Registration**

## Maximus Ursus
**Registration**
MFF 2010 was my first con and I worked in Registration, even though I only had just "officially" joined the fandom two months earlier. Maximus is a reflection of the real me - my muscular blue and orange bear fursuit is for my passion for weightlifting, the crazy acting I do in suit mimics my being on stage as a professional singer with the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus and when it's completed, the Roman armor for my suit will tie in to my business as a dealer in ancient coins and artifacts. I've met a lot of great folks through my short few years in the fandom so far and love furcons for the opportunity to see so many of them and get to spend time catching up.

## mwalimu Joe McCauley
**Registration**
It's been 15 years since mwalimu developed an interest in furry fandom. Since then he's devoured mass quantities of furry literature and contributed some of his own to it. His search for the elusive single straight female greymuzzle continues. Outside the fandom, he continues to pursue other interests, which include music hoarding, beer sampling, and train watching.

## Rama Ian
**Registration**
Not only is Rama crazy enough to run registration, but has recently joined the convention board. Hailing from St Louis, he has learned to do the drive between the two cities with his eyes closed...mostly. Living with his husband and their dog, he is gainfully employed running the websites for a casino company. He has been attending conventions since 1999 and has attended each MFF. Don't be afraid to say hi, but please understand if he is going in many directions at once. He hopes that your stay in registration is quick and not memorable at all.

## RJCoon
**Registration**

## RollieBear
**Registration**

## Samii Tiger Milan M Nelson
**Registration**
Samii is a Siberian Tiger from the wilds of Illinois. Outside of con and work, he spends his time cooking, listening to music, singing, playing video games, and being plain awesome. Feel free to stop him and say hello -- he doesn't bite (hard)!

## Snap E. Tiger Eric E. Stevens
**Registration**
Snap runs ByCats4Cats.com making fursuits in White Bear Lake, MN as his full time career. He's been MFF staff off and on over the years starting with the 'Fuzzy Construction' track in 2003. You may have seen Snap in various news stories, documentaries and written articles on what it means to be a furry. Offer him a cigar and you will have a friend for life.

## Snickerdoodle Katrina Audet
**Registration**
I'm a bouncy little cheetah who hails from the True North (Canada). This is my first time being staff at a con, so i hope i can be really helpful! *chirps and purrrs*

## Stevie Maxwell
**Registration**

## Tevon Damon Byg
**Registration**
Just a large Minotaur from a small town in Iowa.

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Syn Jim Lai
**Registration**
Syn has been attending MFF since he moved to Chicago in 2002. Somewhere along the line he became a staff member because he hasn't figured out how to stop volunteering for things. When he's not behind a desk, you can probably find Syn wherever there are dice, video game controllers, or tasty adult beverages.

Sazume
**Registration / Artist Alley**

MacWolf
**Registration / Logistics**

Chesheh
**Registration / Programming Track - Puppetry**
Chesheh has officially been in the fandom since 2002. A Lynx addicted to theater, Edgar Allan Poe, Halloween, aquariums, and Doctor Who. Come say hi! I will spazz at you!

Cheesecake Dave Perez
**Registration / Programming Track - Spirituality**
Having had enough of the snow, this snake/cat hybrid now basks in the Arizona sun, and loves every second of it. If you want a good conversation with Cheesecake, try religion and/or table-top gaming!

Dineegla
**Registration / Programming Track - Spirituality**
Dineegla is a retired Fine Arts Professor and Department Head of 32 years. He has exhibited his art in over 30 cities and galleries. Retired, he now works in an Administrative Capacity at his city's Historical Society/Museum. Dineegla's current passion is digital art and manipulation, music and composition, and directing Handbell choirs.

Autobot
**Security**

Blink
**Security**

Cricket
**Security**

Crim
**Security**

Critter
**Security**

Darsith
**Security**

DataHawk
**Security**

Devin
**Security**

Fezik
**Security**

Finn
**Security**

Gooph
**Security**

Hobbes
**Security**

Hotrod
**Security**

Inari
**Security**

Kotaki
**Security**

Lily
**Security**

Matthias
**Security**

Nyarlathotep
**Security**

Pendragon
**Security**

PIP
**Security**

Pixie
**Security**

Punk
**Security**

Switch Sade
**Security**

Uncle Vlad
**Security**

WarAngel
**Security**

Yoko
**Security**

Sarge the Pup
**Security / Crowd Control**

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Teej
**Security / Logistics**

Snowie
**Security / Treasurer**

Kyne/Rehli
**Sponsor Liaison**
Kyne came to the windy city to pursue career-related goals. He made the unfortunate mistake of spending time with people who would advise him otherwise. Alcohol lead to poor decisions and now he is part of the MFF staff. Despite the backstory, however, he is actually very happy to be part of MFF in order to give back to the fandom. He hopes to help support the con, further its development, and allow others to create their own meaningful experiences through it, much like he has done at cons such as and including MFF. Also, spots.

Mwako
**Sponsor Liaison**
This is Mwako's sixth year on MFF Staff, and he has spent most of that time making sure that the convention's wonderful Sponsors are taken care of. The lion currently lives in Kansas, though he hopes to permanently escape from there soon.

Kira Tora
**Staff Liaison**

QuasiSkunk
**Staff Liaison**

Reaper
**Staff Liaison**

Littlewolf Vincent Lopez
**Treasurer**
This marks the 10th year for Vince at Midwest Fur Fest, and it certainly has been a crazy ride! He's not going to bore you with boring details of hopes, aspirations, and dreams that you'll most likely never read. All he'll be doing this year at the con is handling all the money, bartending the best party in the fandom, and getting as little sleep as possible! If you've read this bio, go you! Ask him for a drink and he'll most likely buy you one for you efforts. That is, if you can find him. Also, if you've got time, bring him some coffee. He'd love a Venti White Chocolate Mocha from Starbucks, if you've got the time and dime. He'll love you forever.

Tozier James Buening
**Treasurer**
After taking some time off as staff, Tozier has been pulled back in and is looking forward to rolling around in piles of money! At least, that's what he's been told his job is this year... There may have been some "slight" embellishment.

Cryptowolf Paul Rice
**Volunteer**
Cryptowolf is a photographer, husband, Great Dane fan, and lead gopher wrangler.

Dax Jeff Bowman
**Volunteer**
Hailing from the San Francisco Bay Area, Dax is a software engineer, amateur photographer, avid swing dancer, and student pilot. This is Dax's first year working as MFF staff.

Ford Shepherd
**Volunteer**

Gadget Hackwrench
**Volunteer**

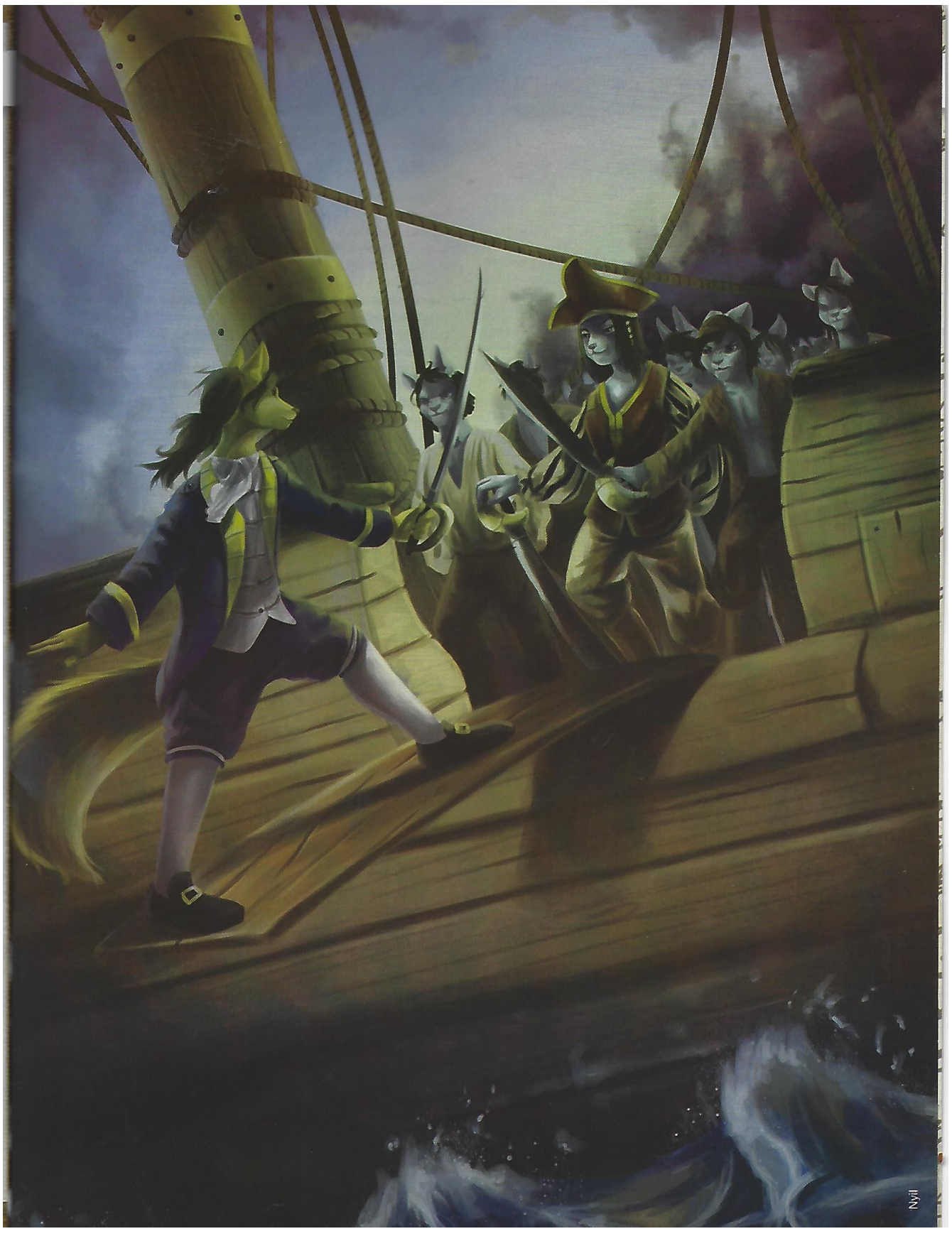
Khzhak
**Volunteer**

Pouncer
**Volunteer**

STOP!!! .....CONTINUE!!!
**Volunteer**

SnickersHusky
**Volunteers**

Zin Stone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# CODE OF CONDUCT

## MIDWEST FURFEST'S GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF BEHAVIOR IS:

**"Use common sense, and be courteous of others."**

Because Midwest FurFest is responsible to the hotel for the behavior of its members, this Code of Conduct applies for the duration of members' time the hotel premises regardless of whether the convention has officially begun or ended.

In order to provide a safe, fun, and enjoyable atmosphere for all convention attendees, each attending member of Midwest FurFest agrees to abide by the Midwest FurFest Code of Conduct as a condition of attendance and receiving a badge. By following the simple guidelines below you will ensure that you, as well as the people around you, have a safe and enjoyable convention experience.

Do not affix anything to the walls of the hotel, to the elevators, to Midwest FurFes signage, or to hotel room doors. Midwest FurFest provides a message board ir a public area where members may post messages or place announcements.

The offering for sale of any merchandise at the convention may be undertaker only in the Dealers Room or Artists Alley. In all cases sales will be governed by the rules applicable to those areas. It is forbidden to sell any other merchandise or services in any other areas, including Con Suite, unless express permissio is granted in writing by the chairman.

Elevators have historically been a difficult issue for furry conventions, and Mid west FurFest is no exception. At peak times when the elevator traffic become too congested, it may be necessary for Convention Security to handle traffi flow. Attendees are requested to form orderly lines and wait for an elevator a instructed. The following are permitted to move to the head of the line withou question (in order of priority):

> "USE COMMON SENSE, AND BE COURTEOUS OF OTHERS."
> – MIDWEST FURFEST'S GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF BEHAVIOR

## GENERAL RATING AND BEHAVIOR

Public spaces open to patrons of our host hotel are rated 'PG' at all times. All programming during the day will be open and appropriate for all members of Midwest FurFest. During the evening hours, some events may contain strong language or adult themes these events will be restricted to mature audiences only, and minors under the age of 18 will not be admitted without their parent or guardian. Convention Security will check badges at the doors of these events.

As part of the PG rating, we require that parents accompanying children under the age of 16 be aware of where their child is and what their child is doing at all times.

Individuals violating the public rating will be warned once. A second offense will result in the confiscation of their convention badge, and revocation of their membership privileges. Violations can include, but are not limited to: wearing unacceptably revealing clothing, openly displaying adult artwork, and lewd public displays of affection.

Shirts, pants, and footwear must be worn at all times when outside of your hotel room. Collars are acceptable attire, however leashes are not.

For safety reasons, fursuits are not permitted in the hotel restaurants and bars.

Please do not throw any items from the balconies or over railings in the Atrium.

Sleeping in the public spaces or convention spaces of the hotel is not permitted.

Midwest FurFest events and function spaces are open only to members, and all attendees should wear their membership badges at all times. A badge is valid only for the person to whom it was issued. Badges may not be shared under any circumstances.

There is no smoking in any area within the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, including the guest rooms. Smokers are asked to use designated smoking areas and to comply with any other smoking rules imposed by the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Cigarette butts must be disposed of properly and not left on the ground.

1. Non-convention attendees (including food deliveries)
2. Those with impaired mobility
3. Fursuiters (with ONE handler)

No other exceptions will be made.

Please note that only service animals as defined in 28 CFR 36.104 of the Amer cans with Disabilities Act are permitted in the convention function space ar function space hallways no other animals will be permitted in those areas. E ceptions will be made for the convention-designated charity organization(s).

## MINORS AT MIDWEST FURFEST

Anyone who is under the age of 18 years at any time during the convention must pre ent a signed and notarized parental permission form, unless accompanied by a pare or able to produce evidence of legal emancipation. There are no exceptions.

Minors are not permitted under any circumstances to enter areas that have been de ignated for mature audiences.

Anyone providing false documentation of identity or age will be denied membership a reported to the police.

## HARASSMENT

Midwest FurFest is dedicated to providing a harassment-free conference expe ence for everyone, regardless of age, race, gender, gender identity and expre sion, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, or personal beliefs. W do not tolerate harassment of convention attendees, volunteers, staff, or gues

We investigate reports of harassment and will take appropriate action to spond to legitimate claims including but not limited to revocation of conventi membership, barring offending persons from convention space, and informi the Hyatt that offending persons are no longer eligible for the convention roo rate. This may, at the Hyatt's discretion, result in additional action such as but limited to revocation of the convention room rate.

Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc. also reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to refer reports of harassment to Hyatt security and to law enforcement.

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People who harass our attendees, volunteers, staff, and guests (including by attempting to abuse this policy) are not welcome at Midwest **FurFest. Don't do it.**

## CONVENTION SECURITY

Convention security volunteers enforce our Code of Conduct. A security ribbon affixed to their badge easily identifies them. Enforcement is a two-step process. On first offense, you will be given a warning. If a second offense occurs, security will confiscate your badge and all convention membership privileges will be revoked without a refund. In extreme cases, the warning may be bypassed.

Convention badges are the property of Midwest FurFest for the duration of the convention and must be presented and/or surrendered to any Midwest FurFest staff member upon request. If you have a complaint about any action taken by a staff member, you may take the matter up with the Convention Chairman. While every attempt at reasonable complaint resolution will be made, behavior that threatens the well-being of our members will not be tolerated.

## CONTROLLED & ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Midwest FurFest is a dry convention. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in convention spaces. Convention members observed to be visibly intoxicated in public convention space will be asked to retire to their private hotel room.

Midwest FurFest has a zero tolerance policy towards illegal substances. Any convention member found to be selling or otherwise distributing any controlled substance will have their membership immediately revoked, and will be immediately reported to the local police.

Anyone knowingly or unknowingly providing alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 will be guilty of a felony and will be turned over to the authorities. It is the sole responsibility of persons serving alcohol in room parties to ensure that every person in attendance is over the age of 21, even if that person is not drinking alcohol.

## WEAPONS & REPLICAS

No functioning or realistic appearing firearm may be carried or displayed in convention space at any time. If the weapon can fire any projectile or cause annoyance to others, it is not allowed.

Edged weapons may be worn as a costume accessory only if they are covered by a sheath that covers all sharp edges and points. The weapon must also be secured from removal by a cord or tie (often referred to as 'peace bonding'). Temporary exceptions may be made for newly purchased weapons carried DIRECTLY to one's room or out of the hotel.

Pocket knives with single-edged blades less than 5 inches in length are exempt.

Brandishing any weapon for any reason is not allowed, and will result in the confiscation of the weapon for the duration of the convention, and a warning from security. Repeated warnings will result in revocation of membership.

If you are unsure of the acceptability of an item, we encourage you to contact Convention Security prior to the convention for advisement.

## PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO FILMING

Photography and video filming by convention members for personal use is generally allowed in all common areas of Midwest FurFest. Please note that there is no photography or filming allowed in the Art Show. Show courtesy when photographing or filming individuals or costumes and ask permission first. If an individual does not wish to be photographed or filmed, please respect their wishes.

Photography, filming, or taping for the purpose of sale, publication, public media, or dissemination is expressly prohibited without written authorization from Midwest FurFest. All pictures, film, and tape shall be for personal use only.

All journalists, media photographers, and any other members of the press are required to display an official Midwest FurFest Press Badge and be accompanied by a member of Midwest FurFest staff at all times while in the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, or any Midwest FurFest hotel. Members of the press who have not been issued a Press Badge may not conduct interviews or take photographs, audio or video footage without an escort and may be subject to removal from hotel property. Media representatives who do not have Press Badges and are not escorted by Midwest FurFest staff member should be reported to Convention Security staff or to Convention Operations immediately.

The names "Midwest FurFest" and "FurFest" are registered service marks of Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc., and must not be used in any fashion that disparages or dilutes that mark. Members agree to remove from circulation or publication any image or recording that in the sole opinion of Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc. misrepresents or defames its service mark.

## REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Midwest FurFest prides itself in welcoming furry fans from all walks of life, but we acknowledge that we also have a responsibility to help ensure the safety of congoers. Thus: Any member who is deemed by the chairman of Midwest FurFest (or his or her designee) to have seriously violated these Rules of Conduct may have their membership suspended for the duration of the convention. **Additionally, that individual is automatically prohibited from registering for any subsequent conventions any events sponsored by Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc. until such time as their attendance is approved by the Board of Directors of Midwest Furry Fandom, Inc.**

A suspended member may appeal their prohibition in writing, and only in writing, to the Board of Directors at Post Office Box 288, Park Ridge, IL 60068 before the next convention. The Board of Directors reserves the final authority to grant or deny membership.

If a member is prohibited by the hotel management from its premises for any reason, Midwest FurFest has no choice but to revoke current membership and deny future membership for the duration of the hotel ban.

*Midwest FurFest reserves the right to change, amend, or modify these rules at any time without prior notice.*